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President's Message

Dear Members:

In this my first message in 2006, it seems appropriate to address the state of our Society.

We ended 2005 with money in the bank. Our revenues for the year exceeded expenditures with a surplus of \$2,738 on total revenues of \$22,329. Publishing costs represented 78% of our expenses, the Annual Meeting 16% and general expenses the remainder.

Our membership continues in the low 400s. We ended 2005 with 419 members compared to 408 for 2004 and 434 for 2003. As our Membership Chair, Dan Williams noted at our most recent board meeting, we are attracting new members at a good clip each year. We added 42 new members last year, but lost 31. If we are to grow we need to keep more of our existing members. We are still trying to figure out how to bring those whose memberships have lapsed back into the fold. The addition of a Paypal option on our Web site makes it as convenient as possible to renew your membership. It just takes the click of a mouse.

We are very fortunate to have a growing number of members who contribute more than the base level of Individual or Family Membership dues. Last year 83 of you generously contributed above the basic level, including a \$1,000 contribution by Ann Haverstock. Thank you so much, Ann. As a result we have been able to add \$1,500 to our reserves and have funds available for our scholarship program.

Field Trip Chair, Peter Weber has put together an excellent program again this year repeating our popular Smith's Longspur, Swainson's Hawk and Yellow Rail trips, and the sell-out annual Carlyle Lake Pelagic. He has also added a new trip continuing our focus on rare species, a search for the elusive Swainson's Warbler. Check out the schedule on our Web site at www.illinoisbirds.org.

In addition, our "event" programs this year are off to a good start. The recent Gull Frolic under Board Member Denis Bohm's leadership was attended by nearly 160 hardy folks who were rewarded by a Long-tailed Duck right in the harbor in front of the Yacht Club and a good number of the target winter gulls. Our thanks also to Walter Marcisz for his presentation on winter dueks and to the "orange hat" experts who generously helped the rest of us find and identify those confusing winter gulls.

Our next event will be the Annual Meeting in Effingham over the weekend of March 31 through April 2. Participants can sign up for the blinds to watch the Prairie-chickens at close range dance on their leks. Then in late summer we have the Shorebird Spectacular planned for Lake Chautauqua over the weekend of August 26-27.

Hope to see you in Effingham.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

Important Bird Areas

Volunteers and staff members of various conservation organizations have been working on a very important list for Illinois – not a list of birds – rather a list of Important Bird Areas, known as IBAs. Why? It's simple. Birds won't come if they can't find the right habitat. Designating an important bird habitat gives credence to its ability to not only provide the right migratory and breeding grounds for Illinois' avifauna, but also for other creatures and plants that also need good habitat to thrive.

Some of you may have submitted nominations for this list, and think the work is over. Actually, scientists, volunteers and land managers are just beginning to make use of this list – and in fact, the list is not yet complete – nor has the program been promoted nearly as much as it should be.

For starters, you'll find two tables in this issue showing sites that are still being considered for nomination as well as others that need to be considered. Another table shows the IBA list, so far, and shows that only about half have been properly introduced to the public. You can help by writing nominations or volunteering to research some of the sites that need to be examined for their ability to provide habitat for migrants. And you can help by getting the publicity out to local newspapers, conservation groups and other interested parties.

For the first time since the program was initiated, there's a published list of the IBAs along with an article describing the IBA program, a map, and tables showing what needs to be done further.

You're seeing this first in Meadowlark and have IOS Board Member Bob Fisher to thank for spending a great deal of time putting together this piece. You owe it to yourself and the birds you love to watch to read this article and take one small step to help this program. By reading this article, you'll also likely learn about some new birding hot spots in Illinois, which we will be featuring in future issues of Meadowlark. See the next issue, for example, with a bird finding guide to Pyramid State Park.

For more information on IBAs, visit the Web site, www.habitatproject.org.

Sheryl DeVore

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The Red-headed Woodpecker's numbers are declining throughout its range.

Illinois IBAs that support breeding Red-headed Woodpeckers include Lost Mound Unit, Savanna District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge and the Iroquois County State Conservation Area.

These photos, above, a juvenile Red-headed Woodpecker still in its nest, and below, an adult Red-headed Woodpecker were taken by Mary Kay Rubey on 31 July 2005 along the road to Lock and Dam No. 13 along the Mississippi River in Whiteside County.



Illinois' Important Bird Areas: a primer

by Robert Fisher

On a recent warm, sunny, Saturday morning in late September, about 50 people gathered to celebrate the designation of Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve and Pate Phillip State Park as an Illinois Important Bird Area (IBA).

Pratt's Wayne is a 3400-acre assemblage of marshes, wetlands, woods, grasslands and shrublands where extensive restoration has taken place since the DuPage County Forest Preserve District acquired the property a number of years ago. Separated only by a secondary road that runs along the north boundary of Pratt's Wayne, the two units form a more or less continuous complex of habitats. Like Pratt's Wayne, the 500-acre Pate Phillip State Park has also been subject to extensive restoration; it has been managed and staffed by the DuPage County Forest Preserve District under an agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Both the park and the preserve were mostly farmland when they were acquired by their respective agencies. The extensive restoration work has led to a partial return to their pre-farming, more natural state, especially in the wetlands. One result: The birds have returned, including the state-endangered Yellow-headed Blackbird and the state-threatened Sandhill Crane. It was for these two species that the combined 4000-acre site complex received its IBA designation.

Among the crowd on that Saturday were a number of non-birders, including a couple of elected officials from the Forest Preserve District. At the conclusion of the dedication, some of those folks questioned the organizers on what

the IBA designation means and why they should care whether a natural area like Pratt's Wayne receives that designation.

As birders and bird conservationists, the answers to those questions seem obvious. But to the general public, even to those with a love of the outdoors, perhaps they are not so obvious. That dichotomy perhaps best defines why the IBA program in Illinois needs our active support. As Frank Gill, former Director of Science for National Audubon, said, "IBAs have a unique power to unite people, communities and organizations in proactive bird conservation, one place at a time."

How did IBAs start?

The Important Bird Area concept and program began in Europe during the 1980s. The concept and practice originated with BirdLife International, a global coalition of more than 100 individual country-based bird conservation groups. Thousands of sites throughout Europe have received IBA designation, covering more than 7% of the European land mass. The program spread throughout the world. Now 167 countries have IBAs, and the number grows daily. In many cases, this designation is the first line of defense in protecting areas identified as most critical in maintaining habitat for bird populations. Land managers, public and private, are keyed in to exactly why their site is critical, whether it be for a breeding population of a threatened or endangered species, a crucial wintering area, or a migratory bird stopover that provides food and shelter for often exhausted birds on their way north or south.

Here's what Birdlife International has to say about IBAs:

"Important Bird Areas are part of a larger network of key biodiversity areas — the most important sites for terrestrial biodiversity conservation worldwide. Key biodiversity areas form the anchors of a systematic ecological network. Like IBAs, they are identified based on the species they hold. We generally have good data on the status and distribution of bird species. However, the information for many other species is poor or patchy, often making it hard to identify the critical sites for these species.

There is growing evidence that networks of IBAs, though identified using information on birds, are disproportionately important for other animals and plants. That is to say, IBA networks are good at capturing threatened, endemic and representative species for other terrestrial groups...It appears that IBAs can be used

with confidence as a first cut for the overall network of key biodiversity areas, with extra sites for other taxa being added when data become available."

This correlation has proven to hold up in sites ranging in size from the expansive savannas of East Africa to small islands of habitat found in or near major urban areas.

In the United States, the National Audubon Society became Birdlife International's partner, beginning the IBA initiative in 1995 and working to set up the program in each state. The individual state focus of the program provides local conservationists with both the tools and the opportunity to protect sites within their state, allowing them to tailor the definition and criteria to suit local conditions.

Important shorebird stopovers are included on the IBA list.

Eric Walters photographed these Willets near West Salem, Edwards County. 30 April 2005.



How does it work?

The broad qualifications for site designation require that at least one of the four following criteria are met:

The site must be utilized by a species of conservation concern (threatened or endangered species).

The site must be used by a restricted range species (vulnerable because of limited distribution).

The species using the site has its populations concentrated in only one habitat type.

The site is used by a species (or groups of similar species like shorebirds or waterfowl) vulnerable because they congregate at the site in high concentrations.

A detailed nomination form, setting out specific standards for data collection and submission, is available from Audubon. It allows the nominator to define the site step by step, focusing on the necessary observations and data to support the nomination. Once completed, the

form and any attached information are reviewed by the Illinois IBA Technical Committee, which is co-chaired by Jim Herkert and Judy Pollock. Committee members are Steve Bailey, Jeff Brawn, Vern Kleen, Doug Stotz, Liane Suloway, Jeff Walk and Mike Ward. All the nomination materials also are entered into the World Bird Database, developed and maintained by Bird Life International.

Implicit to the nomination process is working with the landowner/manager. In most cases, the designation is an endorsement of the way the area is being managed, since good stewardship is critical for long-term viability of an IBA site. On very rare occasions, seeking and obtaining IBA status may be one tool for those seeking to save a critical area from some form of development or major alteration. Usually, but not always, a designation ceremony will take place at a new IBA site, celebrating the status and

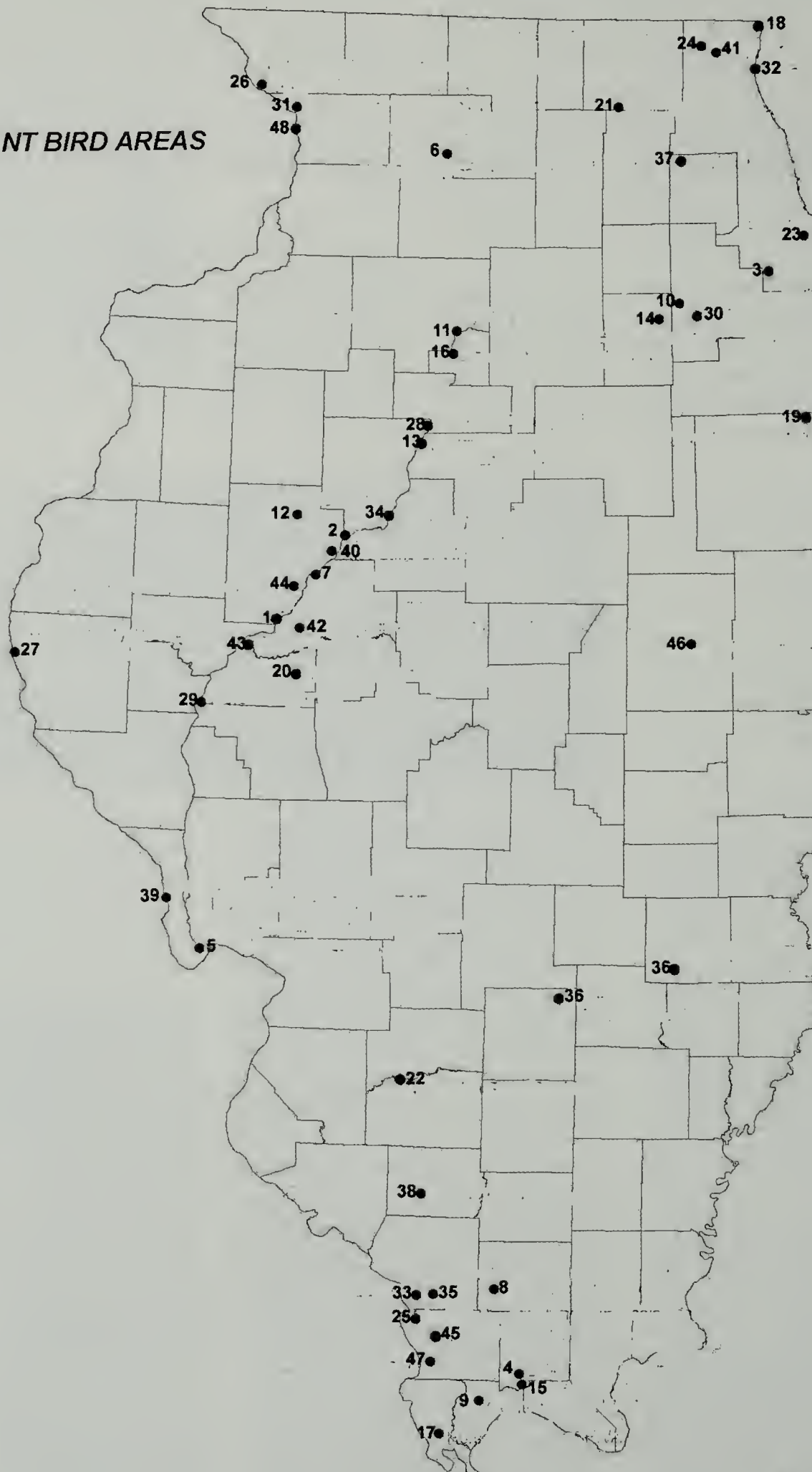
giving all the interested parties a chance to talk about the future.

State of the State: Where are we right now regarding Illinois IBAs?

Illinois has 48 IBAs. They range in size from fewer than 100 to thousands of acres. Table 1 lists all the sites and shows the species or suite of species that were the reason for IBA designation.

The geographic concentration of sites is worth noting. Almost 25% (11 out of 48) are near the Shawnee National Forest in the extreme southern end of Illinois. This birding hot spot region is (not surprisingly) a critical area for many of Illinois' most threatened species. The Illinois River valley is also an IBA hot spot, with 12 (13 counting the DesPlaines State Conservation Area near the confluence of the several rivers that form the Illinois). These IBAs reflect the importance of the Illinois River valley as a

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS



Map produced by the Illinois Natural
History Survey 10/5/04
Areas designated as of October 2004



Yellow-headed Blackbird is a state-endangered species which breeds in several of Illinois' Important Bird Areas.

Travis Mahan took a photo of this juvenile on 19 July 2005 at the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve in Cook County.

major corridor/stopover for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds.

Northeastern Illinois has eight IBAs, ranging from the often abused and neglected (but very critical for many species) Lake Calumet area, to the northern Kane County – southern McHenry County patchwork of fields and treelines, which support a very small breeding population of Swainson's Hawks. This IBA is critical to the conservation of this state-endangered bird. Suburban sprawl and unplanned, unchecked development threaten to rob these birds of the necessary habitat and prey base (the state endangered Franklin's Ground Squirrel may be an important prey item for the hawk) for their continued viability as a nesting species in Illinois, the only breeding Swainson's anywhere east of the Mississippi.

The rest of the sites are scattered throughout the state, and are quite diverse in terms of the habitat they provide and the birds they support. Six form an irregular chain along the Mississippi, from Lost Mound near the northwestern corner of the state south to the Calhoun Division of the Two Rivers National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, just north of St. Louis. The two units of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, our state's prairie-chicken refuge, which also provides critical habitat for a wide range of other species throughout

the year, are viewed as one IBA even though they are not physically connected. Midewin and Goose Lake Prairie State Park offer large blocks of grassland and shrubland habitat for those two suites of species, both of which have experienced large declines in Illinois during the recent past.

One hundred miles or more southwest of Midewin, the Double T State Fish and Wildlife Area in Fulton County provides another critical grassland habitat island used by Upland Sandpipers. Pyramid State Park in Perry County is a large and diverse complex of habitats, which again features grassland and shrubland species along with waterfowl. On the state's eastern border, the Iroquois County State Conservation Area received IBA designation because of its importance to Red-headed Woodpeckers, a species which is declining across its range. The Castle Rock State Park/Lowden Miller State Forest complex provide habitat for breeding Cerulean Warbler with the Kaskaskia River Corridor almost 200 miles farther south.

Finally, Trelease Woods is important to note because it is the only IBA in Illinois that received the designation because of its importance as a research site, with its



Blue-winged Teal is a migratory and breeding species of Illinois. Many of Illinois' IBAs provide important habitat for migratory waterfowl.

This photo of a Blue-winged Teal was taken 14 May 2005 at Ethel's Woods, Lake County, by Eric Walters.

long, unbroken bird monitoring history and database.

**Where do we go
from here?**

And what we can do.

48 IBAs seems like a lot, but it's not. Here's what you can do to help.

Nominate a site

Figure 1 locates all 48 IBA sites on a map of Illinois. It's easy to see how large areas of the state are devoid of IBAs. As birders, we know locations within those blank areas where birds breed and congregate during migration or winter, locations where threatened species are hanging on. Even in the regions where the map is dotted with IBAs, other sites deserving designation are 'not on the map' yet. One of the first things that can be done: Identify, gather the data and nominate a site. Table 2 contains both a list of sites currently under review (2A) for designation and a list of sites the Technical Committee is convinced will qualify for IBA status (2B); they are ready to review the 2B candidates, once they have the completed application in hand. But even if your site is not on their wish list, nominate it anyway. New site nominations are especially sought in northwestern, central and southern Illinois, as these areas are clearly under-surveyed for potential new IBAs.

Site nominations can also be aimed at under-reported or poorly understood species. Perhaps you know of a major Chimney Swift roost, or nightjar nesting area. Either or both would likely be eligible for IBA status. Although a category exists in the nomination form, our state Technical Committee continues to seek quantitative data for Important (Migratory) Bird Sites so they can be brought in under the IBA umbrella. It's fairly easy for waterfowl, and to a lesser extent shorebirds, but warblers and other passerines rarely mass at one location for any length of time and can certainly be hard to count even when they appear at a site in large numbers.

So if you know of a site like this and you get a fallout, counting/estimating numbers provides invaluable data in support of an IBA.

Organize a dedication/celebration ceremony

Dedication ceremonies have been held at only 20 of the 48 IBAs.

Table 1 shows which of the 48 have already been dedicated. If you attended one of those events, you know how inspiring they were. Landowners especially appreciate the recognition for their efforts to manage their land for the birds. Pick a site near you that you know well, but has not yet been formally dedicated, and put together a plan, a date and a team of interested people/organizations/clubs. Local media love stories like these.

Adopt an IBA, then volunteer to do bird surveys, site maintenance and restoration work

Landowners and managers need and value information on the status of the birds. Bird monitoring observations are critical for tracking the short and long-term population cycles of the bird species using an IBA site. Though a site may have formal protection as a state park or preserve, information on the bird population trends helps the site manager to understand how management and restoration activities are impacting the birds. Overall protection of a site may be already in place, but the IBA program is a great chance to increase awareness of the manager on how the birds are being impacted by decisions made. Many demands are being placed on the wildlife professionals, and there is inadequate time and money for management and restoration. Volunteers have become an increasingly important asset for land managers and owners. Cutting brush may be less exciting than bird monitoring, but the help we provide in support of restoration is greatly valued by the manager. Plus, it provides you with a close look at the ecosystem that is being maintained or restored.

Table 1 – Illinois Important Bird Areas designated as of October 2005

(Numbers reference the site's location on Figure 1. Notes identify the 20 sites where dedication ceremonies have been held; F 04 equals a ceremony held in the fall of 2004, S = spring and W = Winter)

	Site	Criteria	
1	Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating waterfowl	S 05
2	Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating shorebirds	S 05
3	Bartel Grassland	breeding Bobolink	S 05
4	Cache River State Natural Area	migrating and breeding wading birds; breeding Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Brown Creeper, Prairie Warbler	S 05
5	Calhoun Division of the Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge incl. Mississippi SFWA	migrating waterfowl; Brown Creeper, migrating and breeding wading birds, Prothonotary Warbler	
6	Castle Rock State Park & Lowden-Miller SF	breeding Cerulean Warbler	
7	Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge	migrating shorebirds and waterfowl; migrating and breeding wading birds	S 05
8	Crab Orchard NWR	migrating waterfowl and wading birds	
9	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge	migrating waterfowl; breeding Barn Owl, Henslow's Sparrow, Orchard Oriole	S 05
10	Des Plaines State Conservation Area	breeding Orchard Oriole	
11	Donnelly and Lake Depue State Fish and Wildlife Areas	migrating and breeding wading birds	
12	Double T Fish and Wildlife Area	breeding Upland Sandpiper	
13	Douglas - Goose Lake & Woodford CCA	migrating waterfowl	
14	Goose Lake Prairie State Park	breeding American Bittern, King Rail, Wilson's Snipe, Sedge Wren, Henslow's Sparrow	
15	Grassy Slough Preserve	wintering Short-eared Owl; breeding Barn Owl	F 05
16	Hennepin and Hopper Lake	migrating waterfowl; breeding Pied-billed Grebe	F 05
17	Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating waterfowl; breeding Brown Creeper	
18	Illinois Beach State Park	migrating raptors	
19	Iroquois County State Conservation Area	breeding Red-headed Woodpecker, Sedge Wren	
20	Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	breeding Yellow-breasted Chat, Dickcissel	
21	Kane/McHenry Swainson's Hawk Habitat	breeding Swainson's Hawk	F 04
22	Kaskaskia River Corridor	breeding Brown Creeper, Cerulean Warbler	
23	Lake Calumet Area	breeding Black-crowned Night-Heron, Common Moorhen, Willow Flycatcher	F 04
24	Lake-McHenry wetlands complex	breeding Pied-billed Grebe, Least Bittern, Sandhill Crane, Common Moorhen, Forster's Tern, Willow Flycatcher, Yellow-headed Blackbird	
25	LaRue/Pine Hills Ecological Station, Shawnee National Forest	breeding Kentucky Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler	
26	Lost Mound Unit, Savanna District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge	migrating waterfowl, raptors, wading birds; breeding Upland Sandpiper, Red-headed Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, Loggerhead Shrike, Grasshopper Sparrow	W 05
27	Mark Twain NWR Long Island Division	migrating wading birds, shorebirds, waterfowl	

Publicize your local/ favorite IBA

Take a reporter out on a bird walk or monitoring session. Give them an anecdote about your favorite bird. Call them when the breeding or wintering birds first

return to your site. If a large number are currently on your site, or an unexpected bird appears, let them know. Big numbers and rare species can be featured in local newspapers. Columnists are also seeking material for a future column; an IBA story is interesting material if you point

the columnist in the right direction and provide the writer with facts and figures. Your local elected officials, chambers of commerce, and other town organizations may be interested as well. Tell them how important your IBA is to the local economy, or how its existence in their back yard demonstrates their commitment to wildlife and green space.

Table 1 – Continued

	Site	Criteria	
28	Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating waterfowl	
29	Meredosia Lake	migrating waterfowl	S 05
30	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	breeding Upland Sandpiper, Willow Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, Loggerhead Shrike, Bell's Vireo, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink	S 05
31	Mississippi Palisades State Park	migrating raptors; breeding Cerulean Warbler	
32	Great Lakes Naval Station	breeding Common Tern	
33	Oakwood Bottoms, Shawnee National Forest	migrating waterfowl and shorebirds; breeding Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	
34	Pekin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating wading birds	S 05
35	Pomona Nongame Bird Management Area	breeding Cerulean Warbler, Kentucky Warbler	
36	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area - Jasper unit and Marion Unit	migrating shorebirds; breeding Greater Prairie-Chicken, American Bittern, King Rail, Upland Sandpiper, Northern Harrier, Short-eared Owl, Sedge Wren, Loggerhead Shrike, Henslow's Sparrow, Dickcissel	S 05
37	Pratt's Wayne /Pate Phillip State Park Grassland Complex	breeding Sandhill Crane, Yellow-headed Blackbird	F 05
38	Pyramid State Park	migrating waterfowl; breeding Willow Flycatcher, Bell's Vireo, Grasshopper Sparrow, Dickcissel, Loggerhead Shrike, Henslow's Sparrow, Northern Harrier; wintering Short-eared Owl	
39	Red's Landing State Fish and Wildlife Area and Batchtown division of Two Rivers NFWR	migrating waterfowl; migrating and breeding wading birds; breeding Prothonotary Warbler	
40	Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating shorebirds	S 05
41	Rollins Savanna	breeding Yellow-headed Blackbird	
42	Sand Prairie Scrub Oak Nature Preserve	breeding Red-headed Woodpecker	S 05
43	Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area	migrating waterfowl; migrating and breeding wading birds; breeding Prothonotary Warbler	S 05
44	Spoon River - Emiquon NWR	migrating waterfowl	S 05
45	Trail of Tears State Forest	breeding Kentucky Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler	
46	Trelease Woods	Research Site	
47	Union County State Conservation Area	migrating waterfowl	
48	Upper Mississippi NWR	migrating waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds and raptors; breeding Sandhill Crane, Red-headed Woodpecker, Brown Creeper	



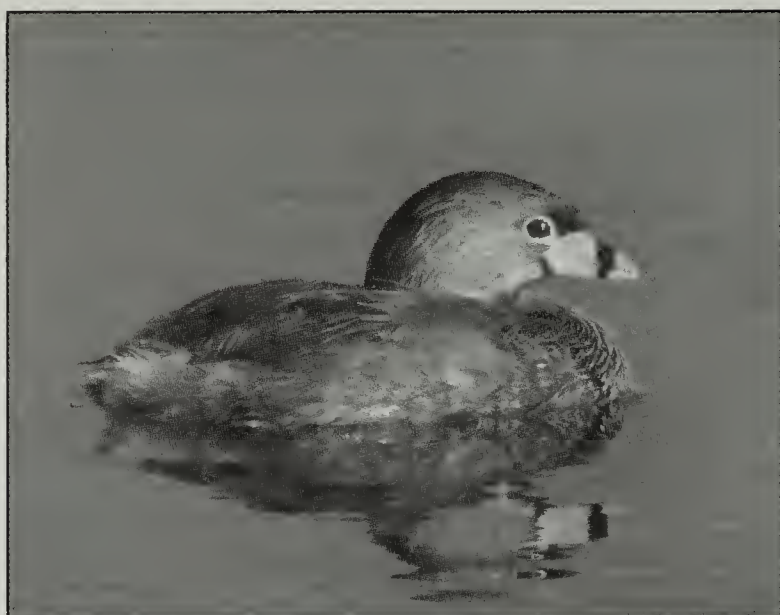
The Des Plaines State Conservation Area provides breeding habit to the Orchard Oriole.

This photo was taken by Jerry Kumery at the Paul Douglas Forest Preserve in Cook County.

The future of IBAs in Illinois

For birders and bird conservation advocates, both amateur and professional, IBAs provide a great opportunity to highlight the protection and enhancement of critical bird habitat throughout our state. But that will only happen if we, the birding community, embrace the concept and actively work to promote it. Will we someday have a network of IBAs encompassing 7% of the area within Illinois' borders, as has occurred in Europe? Perhaps the more relevant question may be: Is there 7% of the state left which could qualify for IBA designation? Certainly 7% is not a magic number. We know with equal certainty that many other sites remain to be identified and designated. If at some future date, we are actually struggling to identify new candidate sites because all the good ones are already designated, that will be a nice problem to have.

One thing is for sure. An active, vital IBA program can be a key component as we work to keep our state's natural areas intact. Dewey



This photo was taken at the Dredge Ponds in Macon County 19 May 2005 by Travis A. Mahan.

The McHenry County wetland complex is a designated IBA because it provides habitat for breeding Pied-billed Grebe as well as other rare wetland species.

Table 2a – Nominated sites now being considered for IBA designation

Busey Woods FP	Outstanding stopover
Carpenter Park	Outstanding stopover
Chicago Lakefront	Outstanding stopover
Chicago River	Outstanding stopover
Des Plaines River	Outstanding stopover
Dirksen-McNaughton Woods	Outstanding stopover
Forest Glen County Preserve	Outstanding stopover
Greene Valley FP	Rare/unique habitat
Springbrook Prairie FP	Rare/unique habitat

Table 2b – Candidate sites for IBA nomination

Wading birds	Waterfowl	Shorebirds	Species specific sites	
			Species	Site
Alorton	Clear Lake	Lake Shelbyville	Mississippi Kite	Thebes area
Lake Renwick	Senachwine Lake	Carlyle Lake	Osprey	Bergman Slough
Baker's Lake	Goose Lake	Rend Lake	Osprey	Carlyle Lake
Horseshoe Lake	Newton Lake	Paul Douglas FP	Osprey	Ohio River, at Metropolis
McGinnis Slough	Carlyle Lake		Least Tern	south Jackson Co, near Ohio River
	Rend Lake		Least Tern	south of Cape Girardeau
	Lake Clinton		Least Tern	Horseshoe Lake
	Lake Shelbyville		Chuck-will's-widow	Ferne Clyffe State Park
	Sangchris Lake		Chuck-will's-widow	Lake Murphysboro
	Wabash River, Embron		Red-headed Woodpecker	Pembroke Township
	East Fork Lake		Willow Flycatcher	Green River Conservation Area
	Vandalia lake		Bewick's Wren	Siloam Springs SP
	Keck's Marsh		Bell's Vireo	Lake Shelbyville
	Campbell Pond		Prairie Warbler	Pennant Bar Ranch
	Burning Star Mine		Bobolink	Green River
	Ten-Mile Creek SFWA		Yellow-headed Blackbird	Paul Douglas FP
			Yellow-headed Blackbird	Tony's Pond

Pierotti, President of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and a committed advocate for green space, was one of the people who asked about the value of IBA designation for Pratt's Wayne, just a few minutes after he had spoken to the audience on that Saturday about the value of quiet solitude to be found at preserves like Pratt's Wayne for him, his children and their children.

My answer: I value quiet, but we also want to make sure future generations will be able to hear the birds sing. He agreed.

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Resources

Both the National Audubon Society and BirdLife International Web sites contain extensive information on the goals and objectives of IBAs throughout the country and the world. For more information on the Illinois program, or to download application forms and instructions, visit the Habitat Project website at <http://habitatproject.org>.

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Illinois' first Fork-tailed Flycatcher

with a discussion of spring and inland occurrences of the species in the United States and Canada

by Joshua I. Engel

On 16 May, 2005, I was wandering through the prairie at Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Hoffman Estates, northwest Cook County) looking for grassland sparrows, scouting for an upcoming big day, when a striking bird with an extremely long forked tail flew up from in front of me. It landed about seven meters away on a tall blade of grass. I took one look at it through my binoculars and reached for my cell phone to spread the news: I had just found Illinois' long-awaited first Fork-tailed Flycatcher.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) is a predominantly neotropical species, with a range that spans from southern South America, where it is a breeding-season resident, north to Mexico (Ridgely and Tudor 1994). It is a rare but regular visitor to North America, most often along the east coast in the fall (McCaskie and Patten 1994). However, they have been recorded north of Mexico in all months of the year except March and there are records from across the United States and Canada, leading Walters and Engel (2000) to predict it as the next species to be added to Illinois' bird list.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher, first state record 16 May 2005. Paul Douglas Forest Preserve, Cook County. Photo by Eric Secker.

Of the four subspecies, the one most frequently encountered north of Mexico is the nominate, southern-breeding subspecies, *T.s. savanna*. This subspecies is a long distance migrant, breeding as far south as central Argentina and wintering in northern South America, north to Trinidad and Tobago (Ridgely and Tudor 1994). Fall North American records are reverse migrants, flying north instead of back south to their breeding grounds. Spring records are likely individuals that overshoot their wintering range. It has been put forth by Kenn Kaufman that fewer birds make it to North America in spring than in fall because they have twice as far to fly; many individuals simply can't make it that far (Perkins 1990). The propensity for spring records from Florida may support this argument (see Figure 1).

Other than suspected records of *T.s.monarchus*, the partially migratory Central American subspecies, from South Texas in winter, all North American records of Fork-tailed Flycatcher are of the nominate subspecies (McCaskie and Patten 1994, Lockwood 1999). This includes all six North American specimens of the species; a specimen of *T.s.sanctamartae*, a resident in northern South America, from New Jersey is considered suspect (Monroe and Barron 1980, McCaskie and Patten, 1994).

Description

The Fork-tailed Flycatcher is an unmistakable species, and the individual at Paul Douglas was no exception. It was a small bodied, small billed, and extremely long-tailed flycatcher. The tail was black (though due to wear and fading it appeared brown in certain light) with white on the outer web of the outer tail feathers. The tail was extremely long and deeply forked, even though the right outermost tail feather was broken. The body and bill were smaller than on nearby Eastern Kingbirds (*Tyrannus tyrannus*). It had a black head with the white malar region and throat, contrasting with a medium-light gray nape and back. The uppertail coverts were dark gray or black. The wing coverts were brown from wear. The exposed tertial on the folded wing appeared darker than the rest of the folded wing, with a thin pale edge, possibly indicating that the prebasic molt had commenced. Indeed, an adult specimen from Colombia in late April shows a similar pattern (Field Museum of Natural History 298064). The underparts from the throat to the undertail coverts were clean, snowy white. The legs, bill, and eye were black. Other observers commented seeing pale feathers in the crown.

It was very active, feeding in typical *Tyrannus* fashion, sallying out for insects and returning to the



Fork-tailed Flycatcher, first state record. 16 May 2005. Paul Douglas Forest Preserve, Cook County. Photo by Eric Secker.

same or a nearby perch. However, it moved extensively around the large prairie, rarely flying over 100 meters in a single flight. It usually perched on grass stems that could support its weight or on small shrubs, rarely flying into the tops of taller trees surrounding the prairie. It often associated with Eastern Kingbirds, another recent arrival from its non-breeding grounds in South America. These two species sometimes flock together at fruiting trees in Amazonia (P. O'Donnell, pers. comm.) and it is conceivable that the Fork-tail could have arrived with a group of Eastern Kingbirds.

Thanks to the ease of communications in the technology age, over one hundred birders saw the bird despite the fact that it goes down as a "one day wonder." The bird was initially discovered at 9:30 AM; at 9:34 a message about it appeared on Illinois' birding listserve, IBET. The first twitchers arrived forty-five minutes later and the bird was watched nearly constantly the rest of the day. Despite many people searching the following day, it was not seen again.

Figure 1.

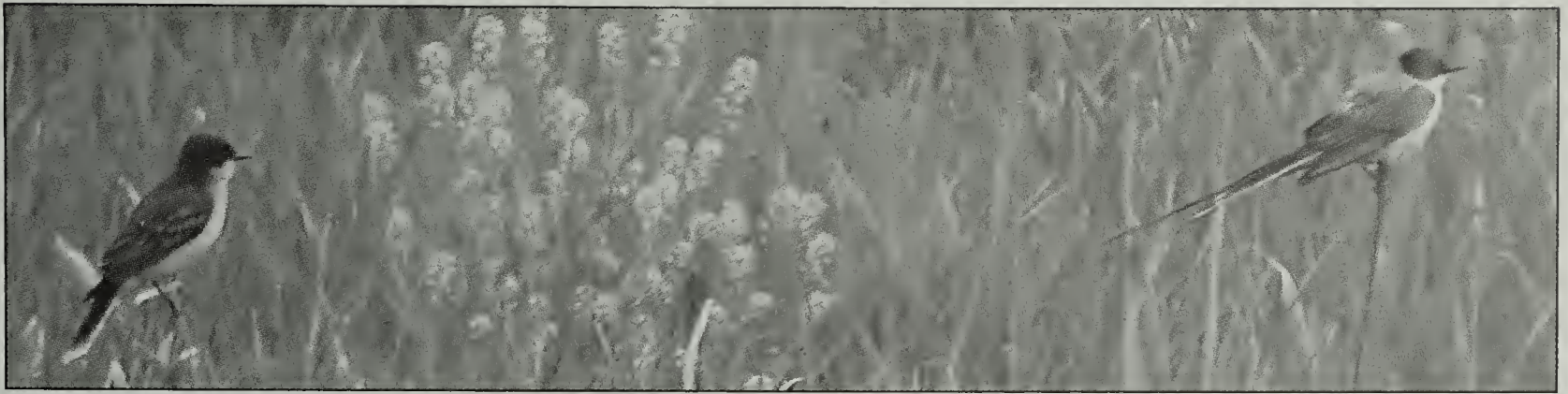
All spring (April-June) records of Fork-tailed Flycatcher in North America.

Date	Location	Source
1 June 1832	NJ	McCaskie and Patten (1994)
29 May 1967	West Orange, NJ	MP
4-9 May 1968	Plum Island, NJ	MP
5 May 1981	Big Cypress N.P., FL	MP
16 May 1981†	Austin, TX	AB 35:841
30 June 1982	Bonaventure I., PQ	AB 36:958
18-20 May 1984	Cape May, NJ	AB 38:892
25 June 1984	Cape Breton I., NS	MP
1-7 June 1986	Cape Carteret, NC	MP
13 June 1987	Falmouth, MA	MP
20-21 June 1987	Marshfield, MA	MP
24 April 1988	Ft. Morgan, AL	AB 42:448
1 June 1988†	Drumheller, AB	AB 42:1305
3 June-1 August 1988	Rustic, VA	AB 43:79
24 June 1988†	Douglas Co., WI	AB 42:1292
7 May 1989	Oak Beach, NY	AB 43:457
2-3 May 1990	Concord, MA	AB 44:398
17-19 May 1990	Chincoteague, VA	AB 44:409
16-25 June 1990	Shark Valley, FL	AB 45:93
23-25 April 1991	Gilchrist, TX	AB 45:471
11-14 June 1991	Bon Portage I., NS	AB 45:1089
14-20 June 1991	Kent I., NB	AB 45:1089
14 June 1991	Castellow Hammock, FL	McCaskie and Patten (1994)
20 April 1992	Dauphin I., AL	AB 46:436
3-14 May 1992†	Grand Marais, MN	AB 46:427
25 April 1993	Sabine, TX	FN 47:432
29 June 1993	Ram I., Mattapoisett, MA	FN 47:1091
18-19 May 1994	Kittery, ME	FN 48:277
24 April 1995	Garden Key, Dry Tortugas, FL	FN: 49:242
15 April 1996	Upper Matecombe Key, FL	FN 50:272
6-7 May 1997†2	Hornby Bend, TX	FN 51:895
17 May 1997	Near Anahuac NWR, Cambers Co., TX	http://texasbirds.org/tbrc/ar1998.html
18 May 1998	Cape May, NJ	FN 52:309
27 May 1999†	Cedoux, SK	NAB 53:293
29 May 1999	Brigantine, NJ	NAB 53:263
29 May 1999†	Bic, PQ	NAB 53:256
3 May 2000	Boot Key, FL	NAB 54:256
4 May 2000	Dry Tortugas N.P., FL	NAB 54:256
9 May 2000	Block I., RI	NAB 54:262, R. Farrell pers. comm.
Note the date in NAB is incorrect.		
1 June 2000	Neck Bay, Douglaston, Queens, NY	NAB 54:365
10 June-25 July 2000†	Ferrisburg, VT	NAB 54: 361
5-6 May 2001	Cape Sable I., NS	NAB 55:270
24 May 2002	Nantucket, MA	NAB 56:286
16 May 2005†	Hoffman Estates, IL	

† Inland record

1 AB=American Birds; FN=Field Notes; NAB=North American Birds

2 Two birds, one stayed until 9 June.



Age, sex, and subspecies

A review of specimens at the Field Museum showed several differences between hatch year and adult Fork-tailed Flycatchers during the northern spring. The two most consistent and noticeable differences were in feather wear and head color. Hatch years had much fresher

An Eastern Kingbird, left, poses in the same camera frame with the Fork-tailed Flycatcher at Paul Douglas Forest Preserve, Cook County. 16 May 2005. Photo by Eric Secker.

plumage, which is especially pronounced in having blacker wing coverts and flight feathers.

Additionally, hatch year birds invariably had at least some brown in the crown, most often on the top of the head. The Paul Douglas bird, however, had very worn, brown wing coverts, primaries, and tail feathers and had a fully black crown, indicating an adult.

Subspecific identification is based on the shape of the emargination of the outer primaries (Lockwood 1999). Despite the worn state of the primary tips, photographs show relatively blunt primary tips with little emargination. This makes conclusive subspecific identification impossible, though it is highly probable based on its migratory patterns and history of vagrancy across North America that it belongs to the nominate subspecies. The blunt primaries, combined with the relatively short length of the unbroken left outermost tail feather, point to it being a female.

Review of record

I conducted a review of North American records of Fork-tailed Flycatcher by searching *North American Birds (NAB)* and its predecessors after 1992. For pre-1993 records I relied on McCaskie and Patten (1994), the last thorough review of such records. They examined the original observer descriptions to decide which were acceptable; I only reviewed records in *NAB* and corresponded with appropriate sources to resolve discrepancies and learn the outcome of records reported as pending record's committee review.

North American Fork-tailed Flycatcher records show two seasonal peaks of occurrence, a larger one

Figure 2.

All mid-continent and western Fork-tailed Flycatcher records.

Date	Location	Source
28-30 October 1977	Dorion, ON	McCaskie and Patten (1994)
29-30 September 1993	Cayuga, ON	AB 48:106
3-13 September 1996	Arner, Essex Co., ON	FN 51:50
25-26 September 1996	Nobleton, Lennox Addington Co., ON	FN 51:50
29 October 1996	Dorland, Lennox Addington Co., ON	FN 51:50
2-19 October 2004	Thunder Bay, ON	NAB 59:68
5 December 2004	Near Point Pelee N.P., ON	NAB 59:259
6 October 1983	Rumely, Alger Co., MI	AB 38:206
15 September 2001	Bay City S.P., Bay Co., MI	NAB 56:56
13-16 November 1978	Columbia Co., WI	AB 33:180
24 June 1988	Douglas Co., WI	AB 42:1292
27-30 October 2000	Patrick Marsh, Dane Co., WI	NAB 55:56
24 October 2003	Oconto Co., WI	NAB 58:80
6 September 1991	Duluth, Cook Co., MN	AB 46:93
3-14 May 1992	Grand Marais, St. Louis Co., MN	AB 46:427
16 May 2005	Hoffman Estates, Cook Co., IL	
Late October, 1800s (year unknown)	KY	McCaskie and Patten (1994)
14-17 January 1995	Near Holla Bend NWR, Yell Co. AR	FN 49:158
27 May 1999	Cedoux, SK	NAB 53:293
1 June 1988	Drumheller, AB	AB 42:1305
25 August-7 September 1991	East of Picabo, ID	AB 46:125
8 September 2001	Pentigon, south Okanagan, BC	NAB 56:94
12-13 September 1995	Chinook, Pacific Co., WA	FN 50:108
4-8 September 1992	Bridgehaven, Sonoma Co., CA	AB 47:146

from late August to early November and a much smaller one in May and June. The records are more evenly split between spring and fall in the south central and southeast U.S. than in the north central and northeast (Lockwood 1999).

There are 45 records of Fork-tailed Flycatchers in North America between April and June (Table 1). Of these, just nine are from inland sites, ranging in dates from 3-14 May 1992 (Grand Marais, Minnesota) to 24 June 1988 (Douglas Co., Wisconsin). Two of the records are from Texas, two from Eastern locations (Bic, Quebec and Ferrisburg, Vermont), and the remaining five records are from northcentral North America, as far north as Cedoux, Saskatchewan, and Drumheller, Alberta. Looking at a map, spring overshoots could show up anywhere in the eastern United States, but are most likely along the Gulf and East Coasts where they would first encounter land after leaving the South American continent.

Of the spring records, there are six in late April, all from the Gulf Coast and Florida Keys, with the records increasing in frequency in May and June. This timing corresponds with the typical arrival dates of northbound migrants in Suriname, where (except for a couple anomalous earlier records) the first birds appeared in April with numbers increasing in May and June (Haverschmidt 1954).

Twenty-nine of the forty-four spring records were seen for only one day, including the Paul Douglas bird, much to the frustration of birders who couldn't make it to the site on 16 May. Fortunately it showed well for the entire day, until it was practically too dark to see (J. Weckstein, pers. com.). Illinois' two other spring first state record kingbirds, Gray and Tropical/Couch's, were also one day wonders (Kassebaum 1999a, 1999b).

There are twenty-four records of Fork-tailed Flycatchers away from East Coast and Gulf Coast states (Figure 2), compared with over one hundred coastal records. Assuming that fall Fork-tailed Flycatchers in North America are mirror-image migrants flying north and slightly west instead of south and slightly east, looking at a map it becomes clear why the most records occur in the northeast. It is a comparable distance (and trajectory) from their nonbreeding grounds in northern South America to their breeding grounds to the south as it is to the northeastern United States and maritime Canada.

Given the number of records on the Gulf Coast and the number of Midwest records, it is surprising that there is only one inland record in the southern United States away from Texas, a January record in Arkansas. There are four records in the interior west, two each in spring and fall. The two west coast individuals were recorded in September and stayed for several days.

There are many more records from the Midwest. Not surprisingly, most are from Ontario (six records), both the largest state/province in the region and the one extending farthest east. Wisconsin has four records, Michigan and Minnesota each have two, while Illinois and Kentucky have one each. Eventually other states in the region will surely add the species to their respective states' list as well. Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois all have single spring records.

The propensity for Fork-tailed Flycatchers to show up not only in the Midwest but in far-flung locations across the continent led a panel of experts to conclude that it would be the next species to be added to Illinois' state list (Walters and Engel 2000). While a number of other species were added first, they were correct in that it was not too long before this lovely tropical Tyrannid was added.

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Introduction

Illinois' 34th annual statewide Spring Bird Count was held on Saturday, 7 May 2005. Weather-wise it was a great day for the Count. Early morning temperatures ranged from the upper 40s and lower 50s in the north and lower- to mid-50s in the south then peaked in the upper 70s and lower 80s throughout the state (except for Lake County which reached a high of only 57 degrees). The southern half of Illinois was cloud-free nearly all day with modest S-SW winds (usually less than 10 mph with occasional gusts up to 20 mph); the rest of the state was mostly sunny or partly cloudy (with a bit of overcast) and light winds predominantly from the W-SW except for those counties on/near Lake Michigan where the prevailing winds drifted in from a northerly or easterly direction.

Nocturnal counting (that time before dawn and after dusk referred to as owling hours) began exactly at

"Sutton's" Warbler is a rare hybrid of the Northern Parula and Yellow-throated Warbler. Not only was it documented the first time in Illinois, but also the first time on the Illinois Spring Bird Count. This photo taken by Eric Secker is likely one of few taken of this hybrid.

American White Pelican numbers on the Illinois Spring Bird Count continue to rise. This photo was taken 14 April 2005 by Travis A. Mahan.

The 2004 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

by Vernon M. Kleen

midnight (0000 hours) in 4 counties (Clinton, Crawford, Jo Daviess and Knox), had begun by 3 a.m. (0300) in 14 more counties, and 5 a.m. (0500) in another 44 counties. Over all, "owling" time was reported in 69 counties, 66 prior to dawn (before 5:30 a.m.) and 25 after dusk (after 8:30 p.m.); in three counties owling time occurred only after dusk. Winnebago was the only county where owling continued until midnight (2400 hours).

Although artificial, two Spring Bird Count goals are 1) to have at least one team (preferably two or more teams) and five or more observers in all 102 counties each year; and 2) to have a confirmed list of 100 or more species from every county each year. Both goals are a challenge to achieve, but not impossible. In 2005 we fell a bit short of the first goal by receiving reports from only 95 counties; and then, data from only 94 were usable since one county had to be disqualified

because it did not meet the minimum duration of count standard of at least 8 daylight hours of observation time. We also failed to receive reports from 3-4 other normally responsive counties. Of course, the efforts of single observers in 6 counties and the 2-4 observers in 23 more counties were definitely appreciated. In regards to the second goal, despite only 94 counties of record, a respectable 72 were able to confirm 100 or more species.

Results and Discussion

Figure 1, as usual, provides a visual reference of how well we did. The top number is the number of species reported in the county and the bottom number (in parenthesis) is the number of observers in the county. This figure can be used to compare the results of adjacent counties as well as distant counties; it also identifies those counties where **more assistance would be helpful** such as those counties with



4 or fewer participants and those with 99 or fewer species.

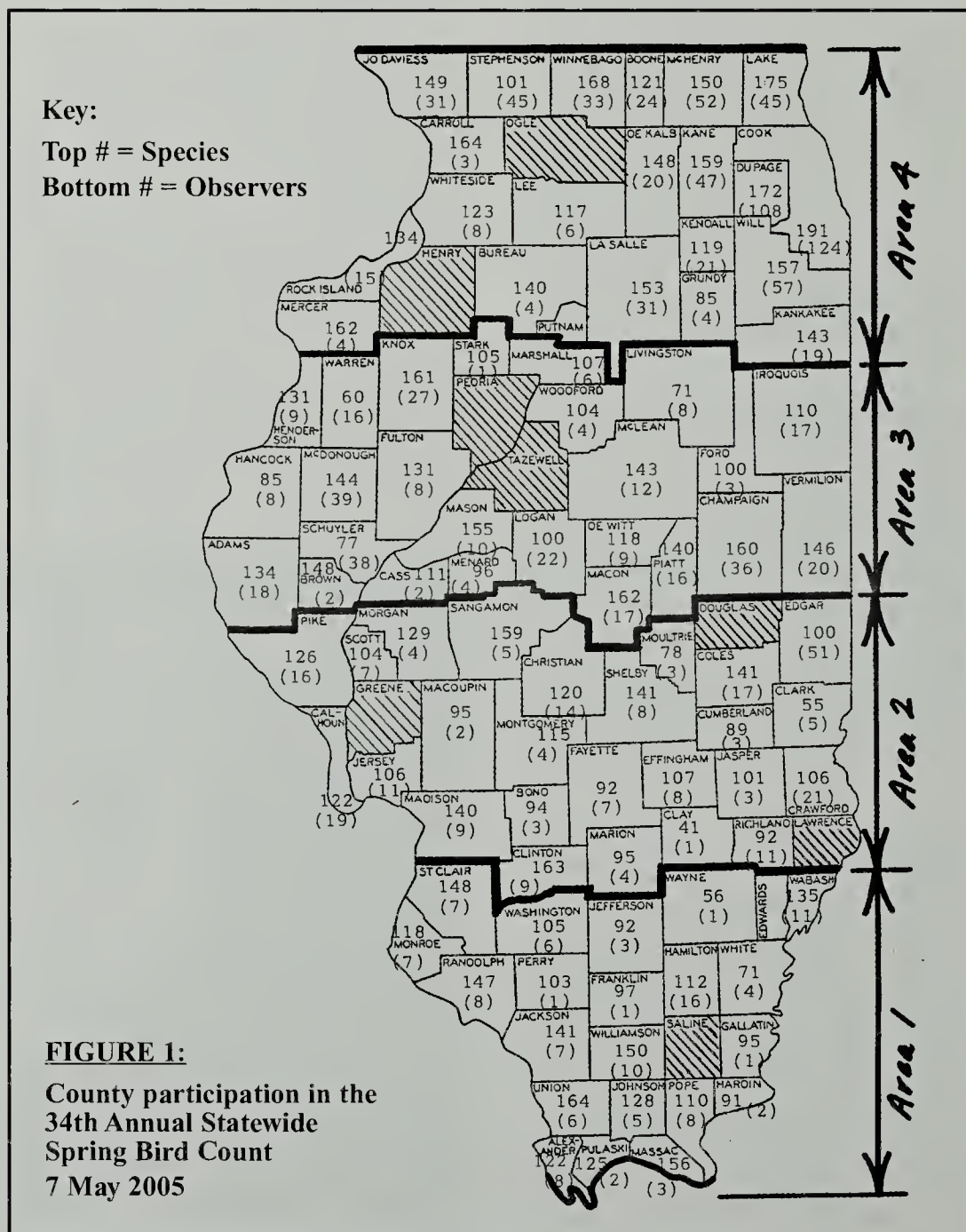
Table 1 compares the 2005 results with those of the past two years and the “record” year. Although 2005 was a very good year, and the weather was “great” for birding, it was not a record-setting year for any of the listed categories. However, based on what is now known, it could have been a record year for total species (270+ rather than 266) had Gray Partridge not been missed for the first time ever, had the known Painted Buntings and White-faced Ibises been found, had Trumpeter Swans been an officially countable species, and had at least one other reported species been appropriately documented. As noted in the table, the number of observers increased again this year — even with fewer counties reporting; and, the number of party miles walked was about 150 less than last year even though the number of party hours walked was nearly the same both years. Further, with only 94 counties reporting, it is interesting to note that the total number of miles and hours driven, number of counties with 20 or more participants, and the average number of species per participating county remained constant, and, that 6 of the listed categories were higher this year than those of last year (and its 101 counties of record).

Table 2 identifies those counties with 150 or more species. Cook County went all-out to regain top

Figure 1 provides an easy pictorial view of how well we did. The top number is the number of species reported and the bottom number (in parenthesis), the number of observers in the county. The figure can be used to compare the results of adjacent counties as well as distant counties; it also identifies those counties where more assistance would be helpful, especially those with 4 or fewer participants. White County was the only county for which results were not received this year.

TABLE 1: Annual Comparisons

Criteria	2005	2004	2003	Highest Total
Number of Species	266	261	268	269 (1996)
Number of Birds	554,507	559,486	519,342	593,680 (1996)
Number of Participating Counties	94	101	93	102 (2 yrs)
Number of Observers	1422	1362	1350	1611 (1997)
Number of Party Miles Walked	2176	2424	2027	2628 (1995)
Number of Party Miles Driven	22,442	22,608	21,782	23,942 (2001)
Total Number of Party Miles	24,618	25,032	23,809	26,401 (2001)
Number of Party Hours Walked	2960	2975	2647	3457 (1997)
Number of Party Hours Driven	1910	1880	1919	2140 (1998)
Total Number of Party Hours	4870	4855	4566	5565 (1995)
No. of Species in 90 or more Counties	32	48	33	55 (1996)
No. of Counties with 100 or more species	72	80	69	80 (2 yrs)
No. of Counties with 20 or more observers	21	21	20	24 (1998)
Highest Species Total in Single County	191	184	192	205 (1983)
Average # of species/participating County	121	120	120	122 (1999)
Average # of species for all 102 counties	112	119	110	120 (1999)



honors and ended up with 191 species; Lake County, which usually challenges Cook, and this year accounted for the only records of eight species (Greater Scaup, Horned Grebe, 5 species of gulls and the Brewer's Blackbird), was a distant second with 175 species. Cook County's only isolated species were the Common Goldeneye and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow. DuPage, with 172 species, was among the state's best as well. As expected, seven more (for a total of 10) counties in the northern quarter of the state (AREA 4) reported 150 or more species. In the central half of the state (AREAS 2 & 3), Clinton County (with 163) was the best of

the six at 150 or more species. In the southern quarter of Illinois (AREA 1), Union County (with 164) was the highest of the three counties that made the list. For the record, another 15 counties provided confirmed lists of 140 to 149 species and the highest species count ever for a single county remains at 205 (set in 1983).

Table 3 lists, in descending order, the counties with 20 or more participants; for the second consecutive year that number is 21 counties. As usual, Cook and DuPage both continue to field 100 or more participants. I still marvel at how well the coordinators deal with so many people and so many numbers, and keep the observers occupied in non-duplicated areas throughout the entire day. *[As mentioned each year, I encourage observers in some of these well-endowed counties to consider assisting in one of the less-endowed counties. When looking at the results in the various tables, it would seem likely that several more new records could be established if we had more observers in some of the less-endowed counties. Of course, special thanks to all of you who have already made the transition.]*

Table 4 provides the usual comparisons of birding efforts in each quarter of the state—identified as AREAS 1 through 4 (south to north) in Figure 1. In 2005, the average number of party hours was 51.81, nearly 4 party hours per county more than in 2004 and almost 3 party hours per county more than in 2003; but, still nearly 3 hours less per county than the record set in 1977.

Table 5 identifies the 54 species reported from 85 (90%) or more of the reporting counties. Only 11 species (20%) were found in all 94 counties; another 13 (24%) were reported in all but one of these counties. It's interesting to note the number of counties that missed the American Kestrel, Rock Pigeon, Chimney Swift, Red-headed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Warbling Vireo, Horned Lark, Purple Martin, White-throated Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and House Finch.

Table 6 shows, in descending order, the 20 most commonly reported species. As usual, the top 10 are pretty much the same year after year; however, this year the Canada Goose (with another new record count) moved ahead of the House Sparrow and became the 5th most common species; all others in the top ten are in the same position as last year. The Ring-billed Gull continues in the top ten as a result of Cook County's effort. The Mourning Dove, despite establishing another new high count, remained in 9th position. The species in the lower half of the top ten often vary. The White-crowned Sparrow (in 12th position) made the list for the first time and the Chipping Sparrow achieved the list for only the third time; counts for

TABLE 2:
Counties with 150 or more species

Northern Counties (Area 4)	
Cook	191
Lake	175
DuPage	172
Winnebago	168
Carroll	164
Mercer	162
Kane	159
Will	157
La Salle	153
McHenry	150
Central Counties (Areas 2 & 3)	
Clinton	163
Macon	162
Knox	161
Champaign	160
Sangamon	159
Mason	155
Southern Counties (Area 1)	
Union	164
Massac	156
Williamson	150

Notes:
Other counties with 140-149 species

Brown	148
Bureau	140
Coles	141
DeKalb	148
Jackson	141
Jo Daviess	149
Kankakee	143
Madison	140
McDonough	144
McLean	143
Piatt	140
Randolph	147
St. Clair	148
Shelby	141
Vermilion	146

TABLE 3:
Counties with 20 or more Participants

Cook	124	Winnebago	33
DuPage	108	JoDaviess	31
Will	57	LaSalle	31
McHenry	52	Knox	27
Edgar	51	Boone	24
Kane	47	Logan	22
Lake	45	Crawford	22
Stephenson	45	Kendall	21
McDonough	39	DeKalb	20
Schuyler	38	Vermilion	20
Champaign	36		

TABLE 4 – Area Coverage

AREA	Possible # of Counties	# Counties Participating	# Party Hours	Average # Party Hours Per County
1	23	22(96%)	650	29.55
2	28	25(89%)	870	34.80
3	27	25(93%)	1143	45.72
4	24	22(92%)	2207	100.32
TOTAL	102	94(92%)	4870	51.81

both of these sparrows were new state highs. The White-throated Sparrow returned to the list after missing last year. The Blue Jay, despite dropping from 15th position last year to 17th position this year, did experience a net gain of 819 birds since last year; however, it's still only 55% as abundant as it was at its peak year (1984). The American Crow, which ranked 22nd this year and has been in the top 20 all but the last two years, was reported to be only 45% as abundant as it was during its peak year (1991), but did experience a 6% statewide gain since last year (at least according to Spring Bird Count data). The Brown-headed Cowbird has always made the top twenty and sits in position 11 this year. The Double-crested Cormorant now continues to be a regular in the top twenty after barely being reported anywhere in the state some 30 years ago. The Barn Swallow, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Tree Swallow and Mallard round-out the top twenty list and continue to be in the top twenty more often than not. Over the count's 34-year history, 43 species have now appeared in the top twenty; the White-crowned Sparrow was the only addition this year. Overall, nine species have been on this list just one time.

Table 7 provides the maximum species details including the number of counties reporting the species, the total number of birds of each species reported, the highest number of each species recorded in a single county and the county in which that number was recorded. In regards to this latter category, *the highest species counts in a single county*, it's worth noting that many of these numbers were only slightly larger, in some cases only one or two birds more, than the runner-up counties. The 21 species reported from a single county appear in **bold face**. Some of the notable single-county records were the Purple Gallinule (Champaign County), Piping Plover (Bureau County), Laughing (4), Thayer's (4), Iceland, Lesser Black-backed and Great Black-back gulls (Lake County), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

(Johnson County), Swainson's Warbler (Wabash County), Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Cook County) and Red Crossbill (Mason County). Some of the better records of the 9 species reported from only two counties were Greater Prairie-Chicken, Merlin and Marbled Godwit.

Table 7, at the end, also acknowledges those species reported on the

Spring Bird Count that are not officially countable as Illinois species. For the purposes of this report those species have been identified as "exotics" and "others". Of course, the Trumpeter Swan certainly is not an "exotic" in the basic sense, but, until it meets the minimum Illinois Ornithological Records Committee requirements to be a countable species, it will continue to appear as

TABLE 5: Species Reported from 85 (90%) or more Counties

Canada Goose	92	Warbling Vireo	86	Common Yellowthroat	91
Wood Duck	88	Blue Jay	94	Eastern Towhee	89
Mallard	88	American Crow	94	Chipping Sparrow	94
Great Blue Heron	93	Horned Lark	85	Field Sparrow	92
Turkey Vulture	93	Purple Martin	86	Song Sparrow	93
Red-tailed Hawk	92	Tree Swallow	90	White-throated Sparrow	88
American Kestrel	86	Barn Swallow	93	White-crowned Sparrow	89
Killdeer	92	Tufted Titmouse	87	Northern Cardinal	94
Rock Pigeon	85	White-brstd Nuthatch	91	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	85
Mourning Dove	94	Carolina Wren	89	Indigo Bunting	93
Chimney Swift	89	House Wren	90	Red-winged Blackbird	94
Red-head Woodpecker	88	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	85	Eastern Meadowlark	93
Red-bell Woodpecker	93	Eastern Bluebird	93	Common Grackle	94
Downy Woodpecker	93	Wood Thrush	87	Brown-headed Cowbird	93
Northern Flicker	88	American Robin	94	Baltimore Oriole	93
Eastern Phoebe	88	Gray Catbird	91	House Finch	88
Gr Crested Flycatcher	88	Brown Thrasher	94	American Goldfinch	93
Eastern Kingbird	93	European Starling	94	House Sparrow	94

TABLE 6: Twenty Most Common Species

Species	# Years				In Top 20
	2005	2004	2003	Highest	
Red-winged Blackbird	65,410	61,686	61,845	69,971 (1996)	34
Common Grackle	38,907	33,393	32,584	59,264 (1974)	34
European Starling	37,585	31,697	28,077	37,736 (1992)	34
American Robin	34,261	31,595	26,000	35,720 (1995)	34
Canada Goose	19,990	18,730	15,585	19,990 (2005)	20
House Sparrow	18,363	19,232	16,544	32,120 (2002)	34
Ring-billed Gull	17,964	17,439	20,806	29,243 (1994)	21
American Goldfinch	14,294	16,327	10,383	18,240 (2002)	33
Mourning Dove	12,589	12,053	12,388	12,589 (2005)	34
Northern Cardinal	11,864	11,976	10,229	13,895 (2002)	34
Brown-headed Cowbird	11,132	10,567	8,887	12,542 (1995)	34
White-crowned Sparrow	8,897	*5,028	*4,567	8,897 (2005)	1
Barn Swallow	8,633	9,934	9,606	27,532 (1999)	33
Yellow-rumped Warbler	8,102	6,006	6,807	17,978 (1997)	22
Double-crested Cormorant	7,504	6,108	6,776	9,748 (2002)	6
Tree Swallow	7,449	10,924	9,426	24,573 (1989)	20
Blue Jay	7,437	6,618	6,693	13,446 (1984)	34
Chipping Sparrow	7,407	6,160	*4,879	7,407 (2005)	3
White-throated Sparrow	6,952	*5,445	5,730	12,767 (1996)	14
Mallard	6,596	6,145	*5,702	8,731 (1994)	20

New Records in **Bold Face**. * = Not in "Top 20" this year.

an “exotic”; in the meantime, we will definitely record its numbers as if it was a countable species. Records of the Ringed Turtle-Dove and of hybrids (the latter listed under the “other” category) will be maintained in a similar manner. This is now the 13th year the Brewster’s Warbler has been reported on the Spring Bird Count; however, it’s the **first** time for the **Sutton’s Warbler**. The other two hybrids reported this year were the repeat of last year’s Laughing x Ring-billed Gull and a Mallard x Northern Pintail.

In regards to exotics, both species reported last year, Great Tit and European Goldfinch, were found again this year. It will be interesting to follow the status of these birds, just like we did for the Monk Parakeets.

New Species Records

Table 7 also identifies all new and tied count records for each

species. The 38 new records, which may be the lowest number for any year, have been identified by an asterisk (*); the 12 tied records, by a pound (#) sign. It seems plausible that there would have been a larger number of new records had the number of reporting counties been higher than 94. *Ten new records increased the number of counties reporting the species.* Some of the greatest or most interesting increases in county totals were for the Hooded Merganser (up 4), Bald Eagle (up 4), Sandhill Crane (up 4), Carolina Wren (up 5), American Pipit (up 4), Henslow’s Sparrow (up 3), and Blue Grosbeak (up 3). *Nineteen new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single count year.* Some of the greatest or most interesting increases (followed by the % increase) were for the Canada Goose (up 959 birds, +5%), Hooded Merganser (up 9 birds, + 8%), American White

Pelican (up 51 birds, +9%), Bald Eagle (up 12 birds, +12%), Sandhill Crane (up 32 birds, +18%), Solitary Sandpiper (up 371 birds, +31%), Caspian Tern (up 208 birds, +13%), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 18 birds, +12%), Monk Parakeet (up 63 birds, +94%), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (up 314 birds, +9%), Chipping Sparrow (up 1247 birds, +20%), Vesper Sparrow (up 266 birds, +74%), Savannah Sparrow (up 186 birds, +13%), Le Conte’s Sparrow (up 6 birds, +86%), and White-crowned Sparrow (up 2816 birds, +46%). *Nine new records increased the total number of birds reported for those species in a single county.* Some of the largest or most interesting increases were for the Greater Yellowlegs (up 119 birds, Fulton County), Caspian Tern (up 236 birds, Cook County), Eurasian Collared-Dove (up 18 birds, Montgomery County), Barred Owl (up 7 birds, Knox County), Chipping

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count

Key to Table:

* New Spring Bird Count High Total

Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total

New species to Count in BOLD FACE CAPS

Species Reported from a Single County in Bold Face

Species	Total No. of		High	
	Co's	Birds	County	(Total)
Snow Goose	10	39	Cass	(16)
Canada Goose	92	19990*	Winnebago	(1166)
Mute Swan	15	197	Lake	(54)
Trumpeter Swan	2	2	2 counties	(1)
Wood Duck	88	3291	Cook	(253)
Gadwall	16	131	Macon	(32)
American Wigeon	4	10	Lake	(6)
American Black Duck	3	4	DeWitt	(2)
Mallard	88	6596	DuPage	(1145)
Blue-winged Teal	73	1801	2 counties	(92)
Northern Shoveler	23	154	Henderson	(20)
Northern Pintail	3	7	Carroll	(4)
Green-winged Teal	12	30	Edgar	(12)
Canvasback	1	1	Brown	(1)
Redhead	5	11	Shelby	(4)
Ring-necked Duck	7	15	Cook	(8)
Greater Scaup	1	22	Lake	(22)
Lesser Scaup	18	88	JoDaviess	(15)
Bufflehead	7	15	Macon	(4)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	Cook	(1)
Hooded Merganser	29*	128*	Pulaski	(19)

Species	Total No. of		High	
	Co's	Birds	County	(Total)
Common Merganser	5	10	Cook	(4)
Red-breasted Merganser	6	665	Lake	(589)
Ruddy Duck	24	265	Putnam	(92)
Ring-necked Pheasant	59	871	Winnebago	(62)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	51	Jasper	(28)
Wild Turkey	82	1023	2 counties	(58)
Northern Bobwhite	73	951	McDonough	(70)
Common Loon	11	19	Lake	(5)
Pied-billed Grebe	41	270	Macon	(48)
Horned Grebe	1	1	Lake	(1)
Eared Grebe	1	1	Macoupin	(1)
American White Pelican	17	611*	Carroll	(194)
Double-crest Cormorant	51	7504	Lake	(2341)
American Bittern	13	24	Grundy	(4)
Least Bittern	6	8	Massac	(3)
Great Blue Heron	93	4217	Lake	(362)
Great Egret	56	1637	Will	(425)
Snowy Egret	7	35	St. Clair	(12)
Little Blue Heron	23	98	St. Clair	(30)
Cattle Egret	9	163	St. Clair	(117)
Green Heron	71	422	Cook	(67)
Black-crown Night-Heron	21	643	Cook	(518)
Yllw-crown Night-Heron	8	23	Madison	(10)
Black Vulture	8	64	Union	(17)
Turkey Vulture	93	3853	Edgar	(175)

Sparrow (up 432 birds, Winnebago County), Vesper Sparrow (up 85 birds, Winnebago County), and Savannah Sparrow (up 140 birds, Cook County).

Species Comments: 1) As noted by the numbers previously mentioned, this was an excellent year for both the migrant and resident spar-

rows; in addition to the grassland sparrows, note the good numbers for several other grassland species such as meadowlarks, Dickcissels and Bobolinks (the latter two of which were just arriving in the state by count date). 2) For some species, such as the Hooded Merganser, American White Pelican, Bald

Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern Parula, Chipping Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow and Eurasian Tree Sparrow, this was the second, and in some cases the third, consecutive year for which a new high count was established. 3) This is the first year in the

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total No. of Co's	Birds	High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of Co's	Birds	High County	(Total)
Osprey	24	39	2 counties	(5)	Wilson's Phalarope	10	26	Calhoun	(12)
Mississippi Kite	8	36	Union	(13)	Laughing Gull	1	4	Lake	(4)
Bald Eagle	37*	113*	JoDaviess	(21)	Franklin's Gull	1	2	Will	(2)
Northern Harrier	20	30	McHenry	(6)	Bonaparte's Gull	7	32	Clinton	(18)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	29	49	2 counties	(4)	Ring-billed Gull	57	17964	Cook	(12906)
Cooper's Hawk	57*	268*	DuPage	(34)	Herring Gull	23	977	Lake	(758)
Red-shouldered Hawk	24	78	Union	# (15)	Thayer's Gull	1	4	Lake	(4)
Broad-winged Hawk	29	73	DuPage	(12)	Iceland Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
Swainson's Hawk	1	1	Kane	(1)	Lesser Black-backed Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
Red-tailed Hawk	92	1649	Du Page	(100)	Great Black-backed Gull	1	1	Lake	(1)
American Kestrel	86	458	Will	(25)	Caspian Tern	18	1785*	Cook	*(1059)
Merlin	2	3	McHenry	#(2)	Common Tern	18	313	Lake	(172)
Peregrine Falcon	5	7	2 counties	(2)	Forster's Tern	30	562	Lake	(382)
King Rail	5	5	5 counties	(1)	Black Tern	8	48	St. Clair	(15)
Virginia Rail	16	55	Lake	(12)	Rock Pigeon	85	4623	Cook	(669)
Sora	48	447	Lake	(53)	Eurasian Collared-Dove	34*	167*	Montgomery*	(57)
Purple Gallinule	1#	1#	Champaign	#(1)	Mourning Dove	94	12589	Winnebago	(699)
Common Moorhen	9	15	2 counties	(3)	Monk Parakeet	2	130*	Cook	*(117)
American Coot	52	2621	Putnam	(882)	Black-billed Cuckoo	13	17	Union	(3)
Sandhill Crane	16*	213*	McHenry	(52)	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	54	215	Union	(40)
Black-bellied Plover	5	18	Rock Island	(14)	Barn Owl	2	8	Union	(7)
American Golden-Plover	23	1448	Jasper	(425)	Eastern Screech-Owl	44	103	Pike	(8)
Semipalmated Plover	38	395	Winnebago	(71)	Great Horned Owl	61	224	DuPage	(20)
Piping Plover	1	1	Bureau	(1)	Barred Owl	76	564*	Knox	*(73)
Killdeer	92	3753	Winnebago	(154)	Common Nighthawk	41	147	Williamson	(34)
Greater Yellowlegs	60#	755	Fulton	*(200)	Chuck-will's-widow	15	44	Williamson	(13)
Lesser Yellowlegs	74	2051	Fulton	(250)	Whip-poor-will	52	375	Union	(57)
Solitary Sandpiper	77	1584*	DuPage	(253)	Chimney Swift	89	4759	Cook	(235)
Willet	7	30	Massac	(17)	Ruby-thrted Hummingbird	78	820	Calhoun	(77)
Spotted Sandpiper	67	1101	LaSalle	(90)	Belted Kingfisher	76	379	Winnebago	(33)
Upland Sandpiper	10	39	Will	(15)	Red-headed Woodpecker	88	1487	McDonough	(119)
Marbled Godwit	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Red-bellied Woodpecker	93	3115	DuPage	(234)
Sanderling	1	2	Pope	(2)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	19	53	Jo Daviess	(13)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	36	259	Fulton	(52)	Downy Woodpecker	93	2073	Cook	(179)
Western Sandpiper	1	1	Rock Island	(1)	Hairy Woodpecker	76	492	2 counties	(38)
Least Sandpiper	60	1924	Fulton	(300)	Northern Flicker	88	2016	Cook	(199)
White-rumped Sandpiper	6	15	Christian	(5)	Pileated Woodpecker	60	292	Union	(33)
Baird's Sandpiper	3	3	3 counties	(1)	Olive-sided Flycatcher	11	16	Jackson	#(5)
Pectoral Sandpiper	64#	3577	Winnebago	(341)	Eastern Wood-Pewee	76	662	Union	(95)
Dunlin	14	180	LaSalle	(102)	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	1	Union	(1)
Stilt Sandpiper	4	4	4 counties	(1)	Acadian Flycatcher	33	208	Union	(82)
Short-billed Dowitcher	18	47	LaSalle	(9)	Willow Flycatcher	20	45	Jackson	(11)
Long-billed Dowitcher	2	2	2 counties	(1)	Least Flycatcher	45	199	Cook	(28)
Wilson's Snipe	40	128	DuPage	(19)	Eastern Phoebe	88	1454	McDonough	(74)
American Woodcock	36	135	Lake	(29)	Great Crested Flycatcher	88	1337	Union	(76)

count's 34-year history that nary a Gray Partridge was found; the species had been just barely hanging in there in recent years, so the inevitable was not unexpected. Perhaps they'll be rediscovered again next year. 4) Several counties (including DuPage) missed the Purple Martin this year; Calhoun,

with 414 birds, was this year's county high, and Pike County—with Griggsville, the Purple Martin capital of the world reporting only 44 birds. 5) Cook, Lake, other north-eastern counties and a few east-central counties (i.e. McLean, Piatt and Macon) reported fairly good numbers of migrant warblers; however,

these species were not well-represented in most other parts of the state. 5) Note the similarities in numbers of Ring-billed Gulls in Cook County in 2004 (12,907 birds) and 2005 (12,906 birds) and Common Terns in Lake County in 2004 (173 birds) and 2005 (172 birds) – any suggestions on what

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Species	Total No. of Co's	Birds	High County	(Total)	Species	Total No. of Co's	Birds	High County	(Total)
Western Kingbird	2#	5	Madison	(4)	European Starling	94	37585	Winnebago	(2246)
Eastern Kingbird	93	2383	McDonough	(91)	American Pipit	24*	119	Kane	(33)
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	1	1	Johnson	(1)	Cedar Waxwing	48	738	Kane	(78)
Loggerhead Shrike	26	59	2 counties	(8)	Blue-winged Warbler	47	306	Cook	(44)
White-eyed Vireo	57	645	Williamson	(101)	Golden-winged Warbler	37	158	Cook	(28)
Bell's Vireo	21	55	Perry	(9)	Tennessee Warbler	76	1868	Union	(179)
Yellow-throated Vireo	65	383	Union	(37)	Orange-crowned Warbler	25	111	Cook	(45)
Blue-headed Vireo	43	133	Cook	(25)	Nashville Warbler	66	1587	Cook	(220)
Warbling Vireo	86	2036	DuPage	(107)	Northern Parula	74	1057*	Union	(63)
Philadelphia Vireo	22	39	Coles	(5)	Yellow Warbler	82	2398	Cook	(281)
Red-eyed Vireo	83	1029	Union	(93)	Chestnut-sided Warbler	49	273	Cook	(37)
Blue Jay	94	7437	Cook	(422)	Magnolia Warbler	41	163	Cook	(29)
American Crow	94	5855	Winnebago	(486)	Cape May Warbler	38	144	Piatt	(19)
Fish Crow	15#	133	Union	(40)	Black-thr Blue Warbler	12	35	Cook	(10)
Horned Lark	85	1784	Shelby	(123)	Yellow-rumped Warbler	84	8102	Cook	(1895)
Purple Martin	86	3474	Calhoun	(414)	Black-thr Green Warbler	59	1007	Cook	(231)
Tree Swallow	90	7449	DuPage	(687)	Blackburnian Warbler	43	202	Cook	(34)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	80	3452	Cook	(402)	Yellow-throated Warbler	43*	203	2 counties	(22)
Bank Swallow	60	2672	Winnebago	(310)	Pine Warbler	34	98	DuPage	(14)
Cliff Swallow	62	4280	Randolph	(480)	Prairie Warbler	13	162	Pope	(52)
Barn Swallow	93	8633	Cook	(567)	Palm Warbler	78	5233	Cook	(1446)
Carolina Chickadee	39	767	Union	(60)	Bay-breasted Warbler	35	106	Cook	(17)
Black-capped Chickadee	56	3207	DuPage	(381)	Blackpoll Warbler	53	354	Union	(71)
Tufted Titmouse	87	2257	Union	(175)	Cerulean Warbler	29	80	Carroll	(15)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	25	128	Cook	(20)	Black-and-white Warbler	61	478	Cook	(108)
White-breasted Nuthatch	91	1903	Winnebago	(113)	American Redstart	73	926	JoDaviess	(62)
Brown Creeper	16	25	2 counties	(3)	Prothonotary Warbler	56	602	Union	(144)
Carolina Wren	89*	1174	Union	(78)	Worm-eating Warbler	29#	132	Union	(38)
House Wren	90	4744	Winnebago	(377)	Swainson's Warbler	1	1	Wabash	(1)
Winter Wren	4	8	Cook	(5)	Ovenbird	67	550	Cook	(70)
Sedge Wren	23	119	Winnebago	(25)	Northern Waterthrush	63	741	Cook	(122)
Marsh Wren	23	127	Winnebago	(26)	Louisiana Waterthrush	59	230	Union	(46)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	6	Lake	(4)	Kentucky Warbler	54	512	Union	(103)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	45	903	Cook	(391)	Connecticut Warbler	1	1	McHenry	(1)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	85	3823*	DuPage	(381)	Mourning Warbler	8	15	Williamson	(5)
Eastern Bluebird	93	3169	McDonough	(122)	Common Yellowthroat	91	3026	Union	(200)
Veery	53	294	Cook	(71)	Hooded Warbler	19	52	Union	(13)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	44	176	Champaign	(21)	Wilson's Warbler	17	30	2 counties	(4)
Swainson's Thrush	69	747	Champaign	(97)	Canada Warbler	4	5	DuPage	(2)
Hermit Thrush	27	127	Cook	(50)	Yellow-breasted Chat	65	450	Williamson	(66)
Wood Thrush	87	1181	Kane	(115)	Summer Tanager	53	385	Union	(71)
American Robin	94	34261	DuPage	(2324)	Scarlet Tanager	78	712	Union	(45)
Gray Catbird	91	2004	Cook	(159)	Eastern Towhee	89	1865	Mason	(115)
Northern Mockingbird	77	801	Jackson	(42)	American Tree Sparrow	2	9	Cook	(8)
Brown Thrasher	94	2449	McDonough	(115)	Chipping Sparrow	94	7407*	Winnebago	*(843)

may have happened to those two birds? 6) In DuPage County, Bob Fisher indicated that this was the lowest total ever for crows since participation in the Spring Bird Count began (back in 1973), and that there were only 8 observers then in contrast to 108 this year. In regards to the entire state, and noted earlier in this report, the species' current status statewide, at least according to Spring Bird Count numbers, is about 45% of the peak count (set back in 1991), and, that 2005 numbers suggest a once-again increasing population. 7) It's great to welcome the Swainson's Warbler back to the count totals after a lengthy absence (although it was most likely present on the count two years ago in Jackson County); this year it was found in Wabash County – as an "overmigrant", overshooting its best-known nesting locations. 8) The banded male Painted Bunting at East St. Louis had returned to the nesting

site again, but, alas, could not be found on count day. 9) The hoped-for Scissor-tailed Flycatchers that have been nesting near the Big Muddy River on the Union/Jackson County line were not located this year; however, an isolated individual was found in Johnson County. 10) And finally, since no new species were added to the statewide accumulative total this year, that total remains at 324.

Species Missed As mentioned above, two known misses were the Gray Partridge and Painted Bunting. A few other "would-have", "could-have" or "should-have" beens include a scoter, the White-faced Ibis (which was apparently present in St. Clair County), Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, and Short-eared Owl. Of course, the list could go on-and-on if we considered all the species that have ever been reported on past counts.

Table 8 provides all the County Statistics. The columns are: 1) the county name; 2) the AREA (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the state in which the county occurs; 3) the number of confirmed species identified; 4) the number of countable birds reported; 5) the number of participating birders in the county; 6) the number of parties counting birds; 7) the earliest and latest birding times (in the 24-hour system with owling hours before and/or after daylight hours marked with an asterisk "*"); 8) the number of party miles walked (W) and driven (D); 9) the number of party hours walked (W) and driven (D); and 10) the 2005 county compiler/coordinator [or, if in brackets, the person last known to be responsible for being the county compiler/coordinator].

For a handful of counties, the number of species listed in Table 8 may be one or two fewer than originally submitted because the docu-

TABLE 7: Species Accounts for the 2004 Spring Bird Count (cont.)

Species	Total No. of		High		Species	Total No. of		High	
	Co's	Birds	County	(Total)		Co's	Birds	County	(Total)
Clay-colored Sparrow	12#	24	2 counties	(4)	Rusty Blackbird	2	5	Cook	(3)
Field Sparrow	92	3810	Jo Daviess	(250)	Brewer's Blackbird	1	11	Lake	(11)
Vesper Sparrow	50	624*	Winnebago	*(222)	Common Grackle	94	38907	Winnebago	(2263)
Lark Sparrow	37	229	Mercer	(33)	Brown-headed Cowbird	93	11132	Winnebago	(734)
Savannah Sparrow	73	1614*	Cook	*(307)	Orchard Oriole	74	527	Union	(48)
Grasshopper Sparrow	63	1105	Jo Daviess	(482)	Baltimore Oriole	93	4383	DuPage	(239)
Henslow's Sparrow	32*	193	Union	(35)	Purple Finch	24	127	Stephenson	(21)
Le Conte's Sparrow	3	13*	Cook	*(10)	House Finch	88	3203	Winnebago	(306)
Nel. Sharp-tailed Sparrow	1	2	Cook	(2)	Red Crossbill	1	5	Mason	(5)
Fox Sparrow	3	3	3 counties	(1)	Pine Siskin	22	114	DuPage	(26)
Song Sparrow	93	5918	Winnebago	(573)	American Goldfinch	93	14294	DuPage	(1290)
Lincoln's Sparrow	41	257	Cook	(81)	House Sparrow	94	18363	Cook	(1680)
Swamp Sparrow	54	1712	Winnebago	(575)	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	23	611*	Mercer	(133)
White-throated Sparrow	88	6952	Cook	(1811)	Exotics:				
Harris's Sparrow	3	4	Lake	(2)	[Ringed Turtle Dove	1	9	Will	(9)]
White-crowned Sparrow	89	8987*	Cook	(2025)	[Great Tit	1	1	McHenry	(1)]
Dark-eyed Junco	13	25	Cook	(5)	[European Goldfinch	2	2	2 counties	(2)]
Lapland Longspur	3	43	DeKalb	(40)	Others				
Northern Cardinal	94	11864	DuPage	(681)	[Mallard x Northern Pintail	1	1	Henderson	(1)]
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	85	2491	Champaign	(152)	[Laughing x Ring-bill Gull	1	1	Cook	(1)]
Blue Grosbeak	36*	106	Union	(15)	[Brewster's Warbler	1	1	Winnebago	(1)]
Indigo Bunting	93	4400	Union	(390)	["SUTTON'S" WARBLER 1	1	1	Kane	(1)]
Dickcissel	77	1871	Jackson	(220)	New Records (*)	10	19		9
Bobolink	77	2806	Calhoun	(228)	Tied Records (#)	7	1		4
Red-winged Blackbird	94	65410	DuPage	(4811)					
Eastern Meadowlark	93	5461	Jo Daviess	(260)					
Western Meadowlark	20	354	Jo Daviess	(255)					
Yellow-headed Blackbird	10	68	Carroll	(15)					

mentations required were either not submitted, or, did not adequately describe the species intended.

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state of Illinois, all of your efforts and dedication are very much appreciated and that the count would not be possible without you. Please accept my most sincere thanks. Of course, extra thanks to all the county compilers/coordinators (identified in Table 8) for all your advance preparations and post count compilations. The results of 34th Spring

Bird Count are now in the record books — thanks ALL for making this possible.

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TABLE 8: 2004 County Statistics

N/R = No Report

= New contact person for the county

County	Area	Sp.	Number of Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Adams	3	134	6,431	18	8	*0430-2200*	14/255	29/37	Al Dierkes
Alexander	1	122	1,945	8	3	0520-2030	2/201	5/15	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	2	94	3,655	3	1	0600-1945	4/138	6/8	Charley Marbut
Boone	4	121	10,913	24	18	0530-2015	65/304	71/15	Arlene Brie
Brown	3	148	2,195	2	1	*0230-1730	5/225	6/9	Michael Ward
Bureau	4	140	7,510	4	3	*0415-2000	13/186	13/15	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	2	122	7,276	19	11	*0500-2200*	9/247	12/37	Wilda Sutherland
Carroll	4	164	8,890	3	3	*0230-1830	9/275	10/23	Jeffrey Baughman
Cass	3	111	2,561	2	1	*0445-1230	1/94	1/6	Robert Randall
Champaign	3	160	11,206	36	19	*0400-2030	72/401	109/22	Beth Chato
Christian	2	120	6,091	14	8	*0325-2000	25/310	37/14	Clark Olson
Clark	2	55	1,775	5	3	0800-2330*	1/41	1/8	Donna Clem
Clay	2	41	154	1	1	*0440-1720	3/15	4/4	Terry Esker
Clinton	2	163	5,780	9	4	*0000-2020	22/418	37/18	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	2	141	3,914	17	7	*0500-2230*	15/21	29/6	Tyler Funk
Cook	4	191	49,543	124	54	*0400-2030	194/492	292/53	Alan Anderson
Crawford	2	106	4,518	21	8	*0000-2230*	17/425	17/50	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	2	89	1,106	3	2	*0330-2015	7/59	9/8	Larry Thorsen
DeKalb	4	148	11,648	20	9	*0045-2030	38/327	67/20	Darrell Shambaugh
DeWitt	3	118	1,927	9	7	0545-2025	14/195	26/14	L. Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	2					N.R.			[Ted Funk]
DuPage	4	172	27,276	108	35	*0425-2030	192/507	244/24	Bob Fisher
Edgar	2	100	6,836	51	17	*0500-2000	14/249	38/70	Peggy Barath
Edwards	1	86	5,091	6	3	0625-2015	7/212	9/22	Elaine Michels
Effingham	2	107	4,193	8	5	*0445-2130*	16/140	30/8	Mary Ann Hoeffliger
Fayette	2	92	1,297	7	6	*0350-1925	19/60	30/5	Arthur W. Jones
Ford	3	100	794	3	1	*0515-1430	4/44	8/1	Wade Lewis
Franklin	1	97	2,137	1	1	*0030-1930	3/40	6/8	Leonard Stanley
Fulton	3	131	4,704	8	4	*0500-1900	8/217	7/27	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	1	95	765	1	1	*0300-2100*	4/95	8/7	Ron Bradley
Greene	2					N.R.			[Dan Martin]
Grundy	4	85	1,848	4	2	0535-1925	8/116	13/8	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	1	112	1,982	16	9	0525-2200*	17/212	21/12	S. Bentrapp Johnson
Hancock	3	85	3,672	8	4	0530-2105*	5/366	6/31	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	1	91	544	2	1	0525-2010	1/58	2/10	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	3	131	3,400	9	6	*0340-2030	14/236	16/22	Chuck Leib
Henry	4					N.R.			[Randy Nyboer]
Iroquois	3	110	3,839	17	9	0600-2100*	15/195	26/23	Robert Dannehl
Jackson	1	141	5,872	7	5	*0300-2215*	13/352	20/20	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	2	101	1,745	3	1	*0500-2100*	2/142	4/8	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	1	92	964	3	1	*0430-2115*	7/87	9/3	Anne Bothe
Jersey	2	106	3,075	11	3	0700-1700	8/91	10/13	Mary Jane Hoff
Jo Daviess	4	149	12,748	31	9	*0000-1830	37/453	32/54	Grace Storch
Johnson	1	128	1,283	5	2	*0500-2000	3/94	7/9	Ray Boehmer
Kane	4	159	18,259	47	19	*0430-2100*	97/398	152/29	Jon Duerr

TABLE 8: 2004 County Statistics, continued

County	Area	Number of Sp.	Birds	Number of Obs.	Ptys	T I M E Start-End	Miles W/D	Hours W/D	County Compiler
Kankakee	4	143	7,998	19	11	*0330-2020	30/277	41/30	Etta Aubertin
Kendall	4	119	3,913	21	7	*0500-2000	25/127	33/46	Dave Ramsden
Knox	3	161	8,074	27	16	*0000-2200*	35/624	41/43	Phil Reyburn
Lake	4	175	21,088	45	16	*0200-2100*	82/538	125/43	Danny Diaz
La Salle	4	153	12,819	31	12	*0400-2030	50/719	62/56	John McKee
Lawrence	2					N.R.			[Jim Madding]
Lee	4	117	4,191	6	6	0520-1800	14/72	22/3	John Bivins
Livingston	3	71	914	8	4	*0300-1900	6/156	6/5	Nancy Vail
Logan	3	100	3,802	22	10	0600-2000	21/282	31/180	Margaret Lanterman
Macon	3	162	6,219	17	8	*0130-2100*	50/245	59/11	Ross Thompson
Macoupin	2	95	1,075	2	2	*0425-1810	6/45	6/7	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	2	140	4,369	9	5	*0430-2000	22/244	28/9	Frank Holmes
Marion	2	95	3,007	4	2	*0500-1720	7/152	12/21	Terry Esker
Marshall	3	107	2,755	6	2	*0500-1700	2/175	2/20	Mary K. Hill
Mason	3	155	7,601	10	4	*0400-2015	24/284	36/14	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	1	156	3,005	3	2	*0130-1915	11/255	14/14	Frank Bennett
McDonough	3	144	12,814	39	21	*0440-2135*	56/391	88/45	David/Heidi Benson
McHenry	4	150	17,249	52	25	*0445-2030	82/519	85/43	David Frey
McLean	3	143	5,957	12	5	0600-1900	39/248	40/15	Dale Birkenholz
Menard	3	96	1,068	4	3	0550-1700	8/35	10/2	Ken Lockhart
Mercer	4	162	10,000	4	3	*0215-2115*	13/355	14/23	Bill Bertrand
Monroe	1	118	2,997	7	4	*0405-2000	22/187	19/15	Mary Regan
Montgomery	2	115	3,459	4	3	*0420-1955	11/300	23/10	Mark Phipps
Morgan	2	129	2,487	4	2	*0400-2030	4/225	5/21	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	2	78	2,087	3	1	0630-1630	4/70	7/2	Eric Smith
Ogle	4					I.R.			[Richie Wol]
Peoria	3					N.R.			[Mike Miller]
Perry	1	103	996	1	1	0530-1900	5/24	5/3	Brian Chandler
Piatt	3	140	7,189	16	11	*0400-2100*	32/301	48/19	Charlene Anchor
Pike	2	126	5,072	16	6	*0350-2030	9/312	9/36	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	1	110	2,482	8	5	0530-2010	9/169	17/15	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	1	125	2,347	2	2	0530-2045	2/60	8/10	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	4	115	3,521	3	3	*0315-1930	8/77	9/5	Doug Stotz
Randolph	1	147	3,186	8	3	*0400-1920	12/183	19/9	Ann Sanders
Richland	2	92	5,219	11	6	0600-1900	12/396	13/31	Frank Storment
Rock Island	4	134	8,886	15	8	*0345-1900	17/402	20/34	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	1	148	7,209	7	6	0505-2040	17/368	29/27	Richard Call
Saline	1					N.R.			[Eric Walters]
Sangamon	2	159	4,560	5	4	*0400-2100*	31/236	29/8	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	3	77	2,476	38	12	0600-1800	30/13	33/2	Harold Hedden
Scott	2	104	1,716	7	3	0545-1700	8/151	16/11	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	2	141	4,356	8	7	*0430-2200*	25/281	25/20	Karen Forcum
Stark	3	105	2,428	1	1	*0340-2015	4/44	7/2	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	4	101	7,856	45	9	0630-1500	10/512	7/52	George Visel
Tazewell	3					N.R.			[Tracy Fox]
Union	1	164	7,503	6	6	*0045-2030	20/423	30/39	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	3	146	7,092	20	13	*0515-2100*	25/409	47/39	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	1	135	2,516	11	7	*0430-1945	13/106	16/12	Gary Adams
Warren	3	60	1,325	16	10	0700-2030	7/73	10/9	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	1	105	1,246	6	2	0615-1915	6/76	13/3	Martin Kemper
Wayne	1	56	250	1	1	*0400-2100*	7/100	9/6	George Rose
White	1	71	532	4	4	0530-1930	7/72	11/10	Mark Fridley
Whiteside	4	123	2,935	8	3	*0300-2030	13/291	15/21	Carol Jackley
Will	4	157	17,614	57	20	0550-1900	57/572	70/59	Jim Kelly
Williamson	1	150	4,652	10	5	*0230-1945	21/524	33/71	Laraine Wright
Winnebago	4	168	26,235	33	11	*0430-2400*	117/600	120/34	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	3	104	2,808	4	2	0630-1800	4/150	4/11	Brenda Garman

I.R. = Incomplete Report N.R. = No Report



Hooded Warbler drawing by Eric Secker.

Field Notes

2005 Spring Migration

by Travis A. Mahan

The first week of February brought with it the onslaught of unseasonably warm air and strong southerly winds which sparked the beginning of the 2005 spring migration. During this period, observers in the southern half of the state noted large movements of waterfowl. Migrant flocks of Snow Geese were prominent sights as countless thousands spanned for miles and miles across the sky. Territorial Red-winged Blackbirds became obvious as they returned to their roadside niches. Two separate reports of American Pipits on 5 and 6 February in Fayette and Clinton Counties (respectively) and 10 Western Meadowlarks on 6 February in Clinton County were exceptionally early. By mid-February, small numbers of American White Pelicans and Sandhill Cranes started passing through the state. Despite several days of 50-degree temperatures in the Chicago area, few migrants were noted in northern Illinois by the end of February; these included 10 species of waterfowl, 65 American White Pelicans, nine Sandhill Cranes, one Horned Lark, one American Robin, and one Song Sparrow.

Late February through March seems to be the developing migratory period for Trumpeter Swans moving through Illinois to their Wisconsin and other breeding areas. A record count of this species was made of birds, which were in a flooded field along a central Illinois section of an interstate highway.

Temperatures during March were largely below normal statewide with only a few warm spells to encourage movement. Some migrants were noted with the passage of a warm front on 6 March, but migration was rather uneventful until 29-30 March when a major warm front bolstered temperatures statewide into the upper 70s. Precipitation for March was about an inch below normal, which would become a trend in months to follow.

The best report for early March was of an adult male KING EIDER at Jackson Park on 3 March. A male EURASIAN WIGEON at Shabbona Lake State Park afforded looks to several observers from 19-24 March. Other impressive waterfowl reports were of 8,000 Green-winged Teal at Carlyle Lake and more than 14,000 Canvasbacks on the Mississippi River, providing the highest count for this species in recent years. Jackson Park tallied its earliest American Bittern and Caspian Tern on 30 March. Sandhill Crane migration peaked during mid-March with multiple reports from central Illinois where this species remains

quite rare. A record high spring count of 8 Northern Saw-whet Owls was part of a group of at least 10 that overwintered at Carlyle Lake. Three Purple Martins observed in Du Page County on 18 March were record early for northern Illinois and earliest for this spring's migration. A Sedge Wren found singing on 26 March in Jasper County constitutes the earliest arrival for this species in Illinois. Six species of warblers were reported in Illinois by the end of March, the most interesting being a record-early Palm Warbler on 25 March and an "Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler remaining in Chicago 19-29 March. Several other notable species reported in March include two inland Red-throated Loons, three Eared Grebes, two Northern Goshawks, one immature Golden Eagle, one Harris's Sparrow, 15 Snow Buntings, and four Common Redpolls.

Observers statewide experienced an extremely poor migration in terms of number and diversity of migrants through April. Many species were reported to be in their lowest numbers ever, while several others were reported in below-average numbers. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, both kinglets, Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird were among those species with greatly reduced numbers. Even with the passage of several strong warm fronts, yielding favorable winds, migration was low in volume. The period of 3-6 April provided the first encouraging wave of migratory conditions with strong winds and temperatures in the upper 70s that brought record early Prothonotary Warblers to far southern Illinois and Chicago on 4 and 5 April (respectively). Systems passing through the state in mid-April brought about a few record early arrivals. Temperatures during 16-20 April lingered in the low 80s marking the warmest period of the month, but consecutive cold fronts in the latter third of April forced temperatures down into the 50s and migration into torpor.

Considering the abysmal showing of migrants in April, there was a surprisingly nice array of rarities discovered in the state. The most significant discoveries included a rather metropolitan PURPLE GALLINULE found in a rural backyard in Champaign County, two Whimbrels and a RUFF in Johnson County, a single BEWICK'S WREN in Clinton County, and a long-staying GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE that provided many their first opportunity to view this species in the state. Illinois' first "SUTTON'S" WARBLER,

a hybrid between Northern Parula and Yellow-throated Warbler, was an extraordinary find in northern Illinois. This individual was well documented during its stay at the Fabyan Forest Preserve from 26 April through 16 May, providing one of the few detailed records available anywhere for this extremely rare hybrid. Other merit-worthy reports in April consisted of one Pacific Loon, one Red-necked Grebe, two additional Eared Grebes (bringing the total to five for the spring), a White-faced Ibis, an extralimital Black Vulture in Sangamon County, and two extralimital reports of Mississippi Kites, both in Du Page County.

Temperatures during May showed a fair amount of variability. The month started off with temperatures well below normal, but leveled out to about average by its third week. The initial cold spell was countered with warm air from the south yielding a strong push of migrants just in time for the statewide Spring Bird Count on 7 May. Weather conditions during the first week of May allowed many migrants stalled by cold, northerly winds to finally make their way north. Yellow Rail, BLACK RAIL, a second Champaign County PURPLE GALLINULE, WHITE-WINGED DOVE, SWAINSON'S WARBLER, and Scissor-tailed Flycatcher were among the rarest of species noted in this first wave. Western Kingbirds and a banded male PAINTED BUNTING returned to their traditional nesting sites from 6-8 May. Up to 24 species of warblers were listed as arriving in northern Illinois through the first week of May. Several observers noted a good passage of migrants through the period 17-19 May, which coincided with a moderate warm front. Certainly the highlight of this spring's migration was the state's first FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER discovered in Cook County on 16 May. An ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER was reported the very next day in Du Page County. By mid-May, 34 species of shorebird had been recorded in the state, and impressive counts were reported from Carlyle Lake through the end of the season for Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Semipalmated Sandpiper, and Dunlin. Stagnant weather conditions were encountered during the last third of May, but there was plenty of action to keep birders occupied. A MOTTLED DUCK was reported from Horseshoe Lake in Madison County on 28-30 May. If accepted, this would provide the second record for this species in Illinois. The Sangamon County Mottled Duck, first discovered on 21 May 2004, was reported again this spring and viewed up to 24 May. It was a good spring for Ibises as there were two Glossy and five White-faced reported by the end of May as well as an additional Glossy Ibis 4 June. An astonishing state high count of 198 Mississippi Kites was tallied in southern Illinois on 27 May.

Perhaps a result of the static weather in late May, migration continued along the Lake Michigan shoreline far into June with at least 60 species noted as June departures. The most noteworthy of the late migrants include a Clay-colored Sparrow on 10 June; a Blue-winged Warbler on 12 June; a Least Flycatcher on 14 June; a Bobolink on 16 June; and Blue Jays at two sites, two Red-eyed Vireos, a singing Nashville Warbler, and a Baltimore Oriole on 22 June.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the following observers, who supplied all the data included in this

summary. These observers are credited by their initials following each record. An innovation in this report is that we have used three-initial citation forms whenever available, as we have found that the use of three initials can provide remarkably stable and unique citation forms over time. Indeed, this summary is the first in the modern Illinois journals that has not required any specially defined observer citation forms. As in previous reports, the sequencing of observers below is based on alphabetization of last and first/middle initials rather than on alphabetization of last names: Cindy M. Alberico, Douglas C. Anderson, Jill S. Anderson, Kim D. Ainis, Arlene E. Brei, H. David Bohlen (in pre-publication manuscript, *A Study of the Birds of Sangamon County, Illinois*), Kenneth E. Bohlen, Matt Bowyer, Margaret L. Baker, Nancy P. Bent, Richard G. & Sigurd N. Bjorklund, Steven D. Bailey, Torrey Berger, William A. Bertrand, Karin M. Cassel, Melinda Born Chapman, Nathan Cohen, Paul R. Clyne, Scott A. Cohrs, Scott L. Carpenter, Alfred G. Dierkes, Donald R. Dann, Glyn Dawson, Karen Drogenmueller, Myrna F. Deaton, Rebecca A. Dyer, Tim J. Dever, Sheryl L. DeVore, David Enstrom, Joshua I. Engel, Joseph W. Eades, W. Dow Edgerton, Karen D. Fisher, Karen Forcum, Robert E. Fisher, Susan Friscia, Alice Gregory, Bryan A. Guarente, Chet O. Gresham, Dean & Nora Grodzins, Evan S. Graff, Urs W. Geiser, Brian W. Herriott, C. Leroy Harrison, Fran M. Harty, Frank R. Holmes, Jed B. Hertz, Kanae Hirabayashi, L. Barrie Hunt, Larry L. Hood, Mary Hennen, Larry & Margaret Hoffman, Mary Ann Hoeffliger, Michael J. Hogg, Roger Hayes, Robert D. Hughes, Steven J. Huggins, Glenn Johnson, Rhett L. Jack, Dan M. Kassebaum, Jerry Kumery, Craig J. Litteken, Dennis R. Lane, James E. Landing, Joseph W. Lill, Paul E. Lehman, Anita L. Morgan, Carolyn A. Marsh, John D. McKee, Keith A. McMullen, Leo Miller, Loren D. Mahan, Michael A. Madsen, Robert A. Morgan, Richard D. Messenger, Travis A. Mahan, Thomas U. May, Walter J. Marcisz, Jill Niland, Dennis Oehmke, Patrick O'Donnell, Peter B. Olsen, Marv Piwoni, Michael C. Puljung, Dave Rogles, Jennette S. Rader, Marjory A. Rand, Michael L. Retter, Phil Reyburn, Roger C. Reason, Albert Seppi, Alan F. Stokie, Douglas F. Stotz, Darrell J. Shambaugh, Eric E. Secker, Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips), Jeffrey R. Sanders, Josh Stafford, Jeff O. Sundberg, Jim S. Solum, Kris L. Sundberg, Robert E. Shelby, Scott A. Simpson, Thomas S. Schulenberg, Wesley S. Serafin, Alan G. Thomas, Craig A. Taylor, Craig B. Thayer, David L. Thomas, Mike Thelen, Joshua Uffman, Barbara Williams, Christopher L. Wood, Deb Wesselman, David E. Willard, Dan G. Wenny, Daniel T. Williams, Jr., Eric W. Walters, Geoffrey A. Williamson, Jeremy & Marla Wolf, Jeffrey W. Walk, Kenneth R. Wysocki, Michael P. Ward and Mike Wirth.

Records not contained in original submissions by any of the cited observers for a given record were contributed by local subcompilers for Coles County (fide LBH) and JP (fide PRC). Several reports included in this compilation were extracted from text within correspondence to an electronic mailing list named Illinois Birders Exehanging Thoughts (IBET). Dan Kassebaum provided useful historical summaries of Illinois data on warblers in particular, and Paul Clyne supplied additional remarks on the historical significance of records in this summary.

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 6 Feb (125), Clin.L (TAM); 19 Feb (75), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 4 Mar (212), Chau (RG&SNB); 5 Mar (200+), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 12 Mar (11), Jasper Co (CLH). **MC:** 365, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 212, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB); 150, Santa Fe Btms, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 15 Apr (3), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (SDB); 11 Apr, Clinton Co (KAM); 3 Apr (3 injured), Carl.F (DMK). Lowest numbers since 1998.

Snow Goose

EA: 5 Feb (75,000), Fayette, Montgomery & Shelby Cos (TAM); 6 Feb (12), Clin.L (TAM); 4 Mar (64), Chau (RG&SNB); 6 Mar (3 white morphs), JP (PRC). **MC:** 75,000, Fayette, Montgomery & Shelby Cos, as above; 5000, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 21 Apr (KF); 400, Santa Fe Btms, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 24 May (6), Sangamon Co (HDB); 7 May (1 injured), Carl.C (DMK); 5 May (white morph), Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (TAM, MFD); 20 Apr (2 blue morphs), Atterbury (Menard Co) (LLH); 9 Apr (2), Rantoul (Champaign Co) (SDB); 13 Mar, Fermilab (UWG).

Ross's Goose

EA: 5 Feb, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (TAM); 12 Feb, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM).

MC: 10, Santa Fe Btms, 13 Mar (DMK); 6, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 Feb (TAM); 3, Sangchris L (Christian Co), 20 Mar (RLJ); 2, Carl.C, 7 Mar (KAM); 2, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 20 Mar (RLJ).

Cackling Goose

EA: 7-8 Mar, JP (PRC, BWH); 13 Mar (40), Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC:** 40, Santa Fe Btms, as above; 40, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 16 Mar (DJS); 10, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 26 Mar (5), Baldwin L (St. Clair Co) (DMK).

Canada Goose

EA: 24 Feb (45), JP (KMC); 10 Mar (30), Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 693 (452 migrants), JP, 7 Mar (PRC); 542, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB); 268, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW); 150, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK); 65, HL, 30 May (DMK). **LD:** 29 Mar (47), JP (PRC, BWH).

Mute Swan

MC: 33, Wolf L, 5 Mar (WJM); 32, Deer L FP (Lake Co), 14 May (EWW); 9 (7 young), Eggers Wds, LCal, 6 May (CAM); 4, HL, 8 May (DMK). **Others:** 7 Mar (5), Fermilab (EES); 29 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 16 Apr, Heyworth (McLean Co) (EWW).

The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	earliest arrival(s)	Bellrose Rsv	Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
MC	maximum count(s)	Carl.B/C/F	Carlyle Lake (Bond/Clinton/Fayette Co)
LD	latest departure(s)	Chau	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
		Chi	Chicago (Cook Co)
*	documented record		(see also Grant P, JP, Linc.P, Montrose H, Northerly I)
m.ob.	many observers	Clin.L	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
:ph	photographed	Crab Or.	Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co)
		(L) Decatur	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
(sub)ad.	(sub)adult(s)	Elsen's Hill	Elsen's Hill, West Du Page Woods FP (Du Page Co)
imm.	immature(s)	Evanston	Evanston (Cook Co)
1st/2nd/...	first plumage year/ second plumage year/...	Fermilab	Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)
		Ft Massac	Ft Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Btm(s)	Bottom(s)	Grant P	Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
CA	Conservation Area	GrtLakes	Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
Co(s)	County (Counties)	Hennepin L	Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
FP	Forest Preserve	HL	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
FWA	Fish & Wildlife Area	IBSP	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
I	Island	IL	Illinois
L	Lake	JP	Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
L&D	Lock & Dam	LCal	Lake Calumet area (s. Cook Co)
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge	LeVasseur P	LeVasseur Park, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
P	Park	Linc.P	Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co) (see also Montrose H)
Pr	Prairie	LShel.	Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co unless specified)
(N)Psv	(Nature) Preserve	Mermet L	Mermet Lake State Park (Massac Co)
R	River	Miss. R	Mississippi River (various counties)
SF	State Forest	Montrose H	Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
SP	State Park	M.Arb	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)
Twp	Township	Nelson M	Nelson Lake Marsh (Kane Co)
Wds	Woods	Northerly I	Northerly Island (former Meigs Field), Burnham Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Transparent directionals (n. = north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.) are used where applicable. Words referring to topographic fea- tures are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus, Forest Park, River Forest, Garden Prairie, etc.).		Palos	Palos area forest preserves (sw. Cook Co)
		PrRdg	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co unless specified)
		Rock Cut	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
		Rockfd	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are <u>underlined</u> , while those for species requiring review of all records are <u>CAPITALIZED AND</u> <u>UNDERLINED</u> .		Salt Crk Wds	Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (w. Cook Co)
		Santa Fe Btms	Santa Fe Bottoms (s. Clinton Co)
		(L) Spfld	(Lake) Springfield (Sangamon Co)
		UCCA	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html . Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced.		Wauk.	Waukegan (Lake Co)
		Wolf L	Wolf Lake (William W. Powers Conservation Area), Lake Calumet area (Cook Co)

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Remarks on the historical significance of records aim to be valid for the corpus of data published in Bohlen's 1989 Birds of Illinois and the seasonal summaries in the Illinois journals Illinois Birds and Birding (summer 1984 - spring 1991) and Meadowlark (summer 1991-present). Data from other sources may have bearing on the validity of these remarks.

The 2003 DeLorme Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Trumpeter Swan

EA: 12-13 Feb (6—2 with yellow neck collars), Carl.C (DMK:ph); 20 Feb-13 Mar (imm.), LShel. (DLT, MP, TAM:ph), with yellow neck band “68C;” banding information indicated that this bird hatched in 2004 in nw. Wisconsin (TAM). **MC:** 27 10w/yellowneck collars, 1-72 at Champaing/Piatt County line, 25-26 Feb (SDB, MPW, FMH). **This is a record IL high count;** Banding information indicated that neck-collared birds were all from breeding locations in Burnett County, Wisconsin and were comprised of birds that traditionally winter in Terre Haute, Indiana. 10 (2 banded pairs with 6 imm. from the Wisconsin release project), s. of Rockfd, 27-28 Feb (DTW). **LD:** 2, McGinnis Slough, Palos, 18 May (JWL, JOS, KLS); 7 May, Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **Others:** 11-12 Mar (2 ad.—one unbanded, the other banded in nw. Wisconsin in 2002), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 2 (one with yellow neck band, from Wisconsin program?), Spring L (Carroll Co), 19 Mar (UWG).

Tundra Swan

EA: 6-13 Feb (6), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph, TAM:ph et al.); 20 Feb-13 Mar (7—5 ad., 2 imm.), LShel. (TAM, DLT, MP); 14 Mar (2), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 23, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB); 16, Montrose H, 18 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 6-26 Mar (3), Des Plaines R (Will Co) (DFS, AFS).

Swan, sp?

EA: 26 Feb (7—2 with orange neck collars), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (TAM et al.).

Wood Duck

EA: 5 Mar (pair), JP (PRC); 6 Mar, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 6 Mar (pair), Spring L (McDonough Co) (LLH); 12 Mar (12), Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 113 (several broods), Chau, 20 May (RG&SNB); 64, Hennepin L, 7 May (DFS, TSS); 55+, Mermet L, 26 May (SDB); 25, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW).

Gadwall

EA: 5 Feb (75), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 5 Mar (2), Nelson M (EES); 9 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** **2980**, Hennepin L, 14 Apr (DFS); **2000**, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 89, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 30 May (2), HL (DMK); 30 May (5), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 14 May (2), Eggers Wds, LCal (GAW); 14 May (pair), Deer L FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

[EURASIAN WIGEON

EA: 19-24 Mar (male), DeKalb Co.]

American Wigeon

EA: 6 Feb (2), Clin.L (TAM); 6 Feb (15), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 7 Mar (2 pairs), JP (PRC); 10 Mar, Kankakee Co (JBH); 12 Mar, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (DTW). **MC:** 105, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 66, Chau, 18 Mar (RG&SNB); 60, Carl.F, 20 Mar (DMK); 12, Palos, 27 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 24 May, Madison Co (FRH); 10 May (male), LCal (WJM); 5 May (female), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

American Black Duck

EA: 6 Feb (3), Clin.L (TAM); 6 Feb (2), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 22 Feb (female), JP (PRC); 5 Mar, Blackwell FP (Du Page Co) (EES). **MC:** 20, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 13 Mar (DFS); 19, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 4, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 2, JP, 7 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 18 May, Linc.P (GAW); 23 Mar (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

MOTTLED DUCK

[**LD:** 28-30 May, Madison Co]. **Other:** 24 Apr & 24 May, L Spfld (HDB)—lingering bird first discovered on 21 May 2004.

Mallard

MC: 8000, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 3847, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 2000, LShel., 20 Mar (RLJ); 1170, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 49, JP, 7 May (KMC, PRC).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 26 Feb (2), Carl.C (DMK); 26 Feb (12), Mermet L (KAM); 17 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 19 Mar (2), Rock Island Co (UWG). **MC:** 200, Carl.C, 10 Apr (DMK); 169, Chau, 28 Apr (RG&SNB); 66, Montrose H, 7 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 30 May (2), HL (DMK); 30 May (20), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 12 Feb (3), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM); 19 Feb, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 19 Feb, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 4 Mar (8), Fermilab (EES); 6 Mar (pair), JP (PRC). **MC:** 2080, Chau, 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 1365, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 750, Bellrose Rsv, 6 Mar (KAM); 505, Putnam Co, 23 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 29 May (5 males), Chau (LLH); 26 May (2 males), Bellrose Rsv (SDB); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK); 14 May (male), Deer L FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 7 May (9), Bakers L (Cook Co) (GAW).

Northern Pintail

EA: 5 Feb (10), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 6 Feb (45), Clin.L (TAM); 6 Mar (6), Winnebago Co (DTW); 13 Mar, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (DRD). **MC:** 800, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 296, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 120, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 20 Mar (RLJ). **LD:** 28-30 May, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 27 May (healthy male), Chau (RG&SNB); 18 Mar (4), Montrose H (GAW).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 6 Feb (300), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 8 Mar (10), Rock Cut (DTW); 8 Mar (75),

Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 14 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** **8000**, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 361, Chau, 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 100, Hennepin L, 23 Mar (DFS); 10, Montrose H, 7 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 29 May (2 males), Chau (LLH); 8 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (SDB); 7 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 7 May, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (GAW).

Canvasback

EA: 5 Feb (150), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 Feb (male), LShel. (TAM); 27 Feb (male), JP (PRC); 4 Mar (5), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** **14,000+**, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 11 Mar (AGD); 832, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB); 300, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 200, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 14 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 30 Mar (4), Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 25 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK).

Redhead

EA: 5 Feb (10), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 15 Feb (pair), JP (KMC); 20 Feb (27), LShel. (TAM); 4 Mar (4), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 400, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 57, Wolf L, 6 Mar (DFS); 32, Chau, 18 Mar (RG&SNB); 14 (9 males, 5 females), JP, 23 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 22 May (female), JP (PRC, KMC)—local record late date (PRC); 7 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (4), Shelby Co (KF); 30 Apr (2), Hennepin L (UWG).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 5 Feb (40), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 20 Feb, LShel. (TAM); 28 Feb (2 females), JP (PRC); 4 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** **4000**, Clinton Co, 7 Mar (KAM); 2600, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 2214, Chau, 18 Mar (RG&SNB); 800+, Boone Co, 21 Mar (AEB). **LD:** 31 May (pair), LCal (WJM); 19 May, HL (FRH); 7 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 4 May (3), Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM).

Greater Scaup

EA: 8 Feb (40), JP (KMC); 20 Feb (2 females), LShel. (TAM); 20 Feb, Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (male), Mallard L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC:** 40, JP, as above; 12, Wolf L, 16 Mar (CAM); 8, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 7, Mallard L FP (Du Page Co), 14 Mar (EES); 3, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 2 Apr (UWG). **LD:** 18 May (6), Wauk. (EWW); 8 May (2), Eagle P Marsh (Madison Co) (DMK); 21 Apr-3 May (male), JP (PRC)—local record late date (PRC); 12 Apr, HL (FRH). Continued evidence of decline.

Lesser Scaup

EA: 5 Feb (40), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 6 Feb (50), Clin.L (TAM); 13 Feb (4—3 males, 1 female), JP (PRC); 1 Mar (35), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 7200+, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 11 Mar (AGD); 1700, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 1500, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 1285, Chau, 18 Mar (RG&SNB); 1200, Shabbona SP (DeKalb Co), 1 Apr, (SDB); 1000+, Boone Co, 21 Mar (AEB). **LD:** 1-17 Jun (2 males), GrlLakes (DRD); 1 Jun (female), GrlLakes (DRD); 30 May, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (DMK); 19 May (male), L Storey (Knox Co) (PR).

[KING EIDER

EA: 3 Mar (ad. male), JP (undocumented, *fide* PRC).]

Surf Scoter

EA: 20 Feb (female-type), LShel. (TAM); 6 Mar (5), Grant P (DFS); 13 Mar (1st male), Fermilab (REF, EES, UWG); 16 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (RES). **MC:** 3 (1 male, 2 females), East Fork L (Richland Co), 29 Apr (CLH). **LD:** 29 Apr-5 May (female), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 9-10 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 12-20 Mar (2 females), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (DTW, AFS). **Others:** Winter-12 Mar (2 females), Wauk. (DTW, AFS).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 5 Mar (male), Wauk. (AFS); 12 Mar (male), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (AFS, DTW). **MC:** **52**, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 3 Apr (AFS)—first spring report of more than 8 individuals of this declining species since 1992. **LD:** 11 Apr (male), Montrose H (RDH). **Other:** “A long-dead, decapitated carcass of a male found washed up on a beach on 9 May” at JP (SLC, PRC).

Bufflehead

EA: 12 Feb (2), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM); 4 Mar (25), Miss. R (Hancock Co) (AGD); 11 Mar (3), Olive P, Chi (KRW); 12 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (2), Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC:** 112, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 71, Chau, 18 Mar (RG&SNB); 27, JP, 17 Mar & 1 Apr (PRC); 20, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 28 Apr-10 May (male), Aledo (Mercer Co) (WAB); 7 May (4 females), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM); 5 May (pair), Evanston (JIE, BWH); 26 Apr (female), Eggers Wds, LCal (CAM); 17 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 560, s. Chi lakefront, 4 Mar (DFS); 340, Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 5 Mar (DFS); 80, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 4 Mar (AGD); 75, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 7 May into summer (male), Evanston (NC, JIE:ph); 1 May (female), Keyesport (Clinton Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, DMK); 9 April (2 females), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 9 Apr (male), JP (KMC).

Hooded Merganser

EA: 6 Feb (6), Clin.L (TAM); 19 Feb, Clinton Co (DMK); 1 Mar (3 males), JP (PRC); 4 Mar (3), Fermilab (EES); 4 Mar (2), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 65, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 11 Mar (REF); 60, Nelson M, 18 Mar (DJS); 51, Chau,

Meadowlark

4 Mar (RG&SNB); 12, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 30 May (8—7 females, 1 male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 14 May (2), Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 7 May (female), JP (PRC, SLC).

Common Merganser

EA: 6 Feb (171), Clin.L (TAM); 4 Mar (8), Miss. R (Hancock Co) (AGD); 11 Mar (10), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 790, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 780, Nelson M, 18 Mar (EES); 600, s. Chi lakefront, 4 Mar (DFS); 70, Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 14 May (female), Riverdale (Cook Co) (WJM); 3 Apr (7), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 19 Feb (20), Carl.C (DMK); 8 Mar, Fermilab (EES); 8 Mar (2), Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC:** 1250, Grant P, 26 Mar (DFS); 382, JP, 2 Mar (PRC); 328 (record high for weekly census route 1996-2005), Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 300, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 28 May (female), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 2 May, Boone Co (AEB); 10 Apr (4), Clin.L (RLJ); 3 Apr, Carl.F (DMK).

Ruddy Duck

EA: 12 Feb (3), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM); 19 Feb (150), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 5 Mar, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 7 Mar (2), Fermilab (EES). **MC:** 2869, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 870, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 550, HL, 29 Mar (KAM); 450, Grassy L (Union Co), 30 Mar (KAM); 400, Carl.C, 10 & 13 Mar (DMK); 300+, Boone Co, 21 Mar (AEB). **LD:** 30 May (12), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (5), HL (KAM, CJL); 7 Apr (18), JP (PRC).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 34, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (TAM, MFD); 7, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 6, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 6, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 52 (males), PrRdg, Mar-Apr (SAS, m.ob.)—93% increase from 2004 (SAS); 48 (males), PrRdg (Marion Co), Mar-Apr (SAS, m.ob.)—30% increase from 2004 (SAS).

Wild Turkey

MC: 62 (single flock), Coal City (Grundy Co), 13 Mar (DFS); 60, Jefferson Co, 11 Mar (KAM); 39, Edwards Co, 13 Mar (RES); 19, McDonough Co, 14 Apr (LLH); 13, Rockfd, 1 Mar (DTW); 12, Carl.C, 12 & 25 Mar (DMK).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 10, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 22 May (DMK); 9, Fayette Co, 5 May (TAM); 9, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 9 (Union Co), 7 May (SDB); 6, Johnson Co, 10 Apr (KAM).

Red-throated Loon

EA: 24 Mar (basic plumage), L Spfld (HDB)—earliest date for Sangamon Co (HDB); 15 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **LD:** 24 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 17 Apr (imm.), Gillson P, Wilmette (Cook Co) (RDH); 28 Mar (1st spring), East Fork L (Richland Co) (*CLH).

Pacific Loon

EA: 15 Apr (basic plumage), Crab Or. (KAM). **LD:** 15-23 May (basic plumage), East Fork L (Richland Co) (*CLH:ph, *RES:ph)—record late spring date (but note one summer record, 21-30 Jun 1991). These are the third and fourth spring-season records for IL.



Common Loon at Blackwell Forest Preserve, Du Page County. 24 March 2005. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Common Loon

EA: 17 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 22 Mar, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (DRD); 22 Mar, JP (JEL); 24 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 35, Montrose H, 24 Apr (GAW); 9, East Fork L (Richland Co), 29 Apr (CLH); 7, Diamond Lake (Lake Co), 26 Mar (SDB, SLD); 3, Crab Or., 15 Apr (KAM); 3, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 10 Apr (SDB). **LD:** 26 May, IBSP (AFS); 20 May, Livingston Co (KAM); 15 May (3), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 5 Mar, Goose L Pr State Natural Area (Grundy Co) (DFS); 17 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Mar (4), O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (DMK). **MC:** 48, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (TAM, MFD); 42, Mermet L, 4 Apr (KAM); 39, Hennepin L, 11 May (DFS); 23, Chau, 28 Apr (RG&SNB); 16, HL, 31 May (DMK). **LD:** 5 May, JP (PRC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 4 Mar (6), Chau (RG&SNB); 6 Mar (2), Grant P (DFS); 7 Mar, Fermilab (EES); 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK, JWE). **MC:** 35, East Fork L (Richland Co), 27 Mar (CLH); 9, Channahon (Will Co), 26 Mar (DTW); 6, Montrose H, 29 Mar (GAW). **LD:** 18 May, McGinnis Slough, Palos (JWL, JOS, KLS); 17 May, Montrose H (GAW, JIE, m.ob.); 8 Apr (3), Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM).

Red-necked Grebe

LD: 15 Apr, Montrose H (GAW, RDH)—the only report.

Eared Grebe

EA: 4 Mar, Sangamon Co (HDB); 6 Mar, Grant P (DEW); 17 Mar, HL (FRH). **LD:** 27 Apr, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (AFS); 24 Apr, HL (FRH).

American White Pelican

EA: 20 Feb (7), Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 26 Feb (65), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (TAM et al.); 4 Mar (135), Miss. R (Hancock Co) (AGD); 16 Mar (6), LShel. (Shelby Co) (KF). **MC:** 3136, Chau & Clear L (Mason Co), 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 1730, Putnam Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 750, Carl.F, 3 Apr (DMK). **LD:** 29 May (60), Carl.F (KAM); 28 May (25), Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (AGD); 28 May (30), Savanna (Carroll Co) (DTW). **Others:** 5 Apr (11), Nelson M (EES); 9 Apr (25), Spfld (HDB); 14-16 April (14), L Decatur (TAM et al.); 21 Apr (42), L&D 13 (Whiteside Co) (SDB). **Others:** 14 Apr (24), Evansville (Randolph Co) (SDB); 13 Apr (30), Rend Lk (Franklin Co) (SDB). Well reported statewide.

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 11 Mar, Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (AGD); 13 Mar (8), Carl.C (DMK); 19 Mar (3), L Decatur (TAM); 21 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 8000 (nesting colony), Carl.F, 9 Apr through end of season (DMK); 4700, Rend L (Jefferson & Franklin Cos), 17 Apr (KAM); 2062, Montrose H, 25 Apr (GAW); 1799, Chau, 1 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD:** 30 May (12), Montrose H (GAW).

American Bittern

EA: 30 Mar, JP (BWH, PRC)—local record early arrival date (PRC); 30 Mar, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 16 Apr, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (BW); 5 & 19 May (calling male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC:** 4, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 28 & 30 Apr (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 3, Goose L Pr State Natural Area (Grundy Co), 30 Apr (AFS); 2, Montrose H, 6 May (GAW). **LD:** 30 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 29 May, HL (FRH); 25 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 14 May, JP (*fide* RDM). **Remarks:** Poor numbers in southern IL this spring (KAM). **ADDENDUM** to the spring 2004 summary: 11 Apr, Nelson M (RCR, NPB)—the earliest report from northern IL in that season.

Least Bittern

EA: 10 Apr (2), Mermet L (KAM); 11 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 14 May (female), JP (MCP); 19 May (calling male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC:** 3, Mermet L, 4 May (KAM); 3, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 18 May (UWG). **LD:** 30 May (calling male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 May (2), Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW); 25 May, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (AFS); 21 May, Nelson M (NPB, RCR).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 7 Mar, JP (PRC); 15 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 157, Chau, 6 May (RG&SNB); 121, Clear L (Mason Co), 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 60, Carl.F, 29 May (KAM); 34, Bakers L (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW).

Great Egret

EA: 6 Mar, HL (FRH); 26 Mar (2), LCal (WJM); 29 Mar, Sangamon Co (RLJ); 5 Apr, Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 161, Bakers L (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW); 110, HL, 25 Apr (FRH); 60, Chau, 27 May (RG&SNB); 48, Bellrose Rsv, 4 May (KAM). **LD:** 7 Jun (3), Evanston (JIE); 27 May (2), JP (KMC).

Snowy Egret

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 7 May, Deadstick Pond, LCal (WJM). **MC:** 6, Bellrose Rsv, 4 May (KAM); 5, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 15 May (DMK); 4, Carl.F, 5 May (TAM, MFD). **Other:** 4-10 May (3), Sangamon Co (HDB); 11 May (2, alternate plumage), Chau (RG&SNB).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 29 Mar, Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 5 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB); 17 Apr (2), LCal (WJM). **MC:** 73, Alexander Co, 8 May (SDB); 50+, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (SDB, MFD, CAT, TAM); 42, near Dongola (Union Co), 25 May (SDB); 30, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 15 May (DMK). **LD:** 27 May (ad.), Chau (RG&SNB); 20 May ("calico"), Chau (RG&SNB); 7 May, Shelby Co (KF). **Others:** 3 May (resident ad.), Wolf L (CAM); 14-18 May (2), Burnham Pr, LCal (GAW, JWL et al.); 22 May (2), LCal (AFS).

Cattle Egret

EA: 28 Mar (5), Frank Holten SP (St. Clair Co) (KAM). **MC:** 200, Sauget (St. Clair Co), 15 May (DMK); 8, Duncan Mills (Fulton Co), 20 Apr (LLH); 6, Massac Co, 17

Apr (KAM). **LD:** 30 May (alternate plumage), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 22 Apr, Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES). **Others:** 21 Apr (2), Savanna (Carroll Co) (SDB). **Remarks:** Poor numbers this spring in usual areas (KAM).

Green Heron

EA: 12 Apr, Madison Co (KAM); 16 Apr, Eggers Wds, LCal (WJM); 19 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 6, LCal, 7 May (WJM); 6, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 4, LeVasseur P, 20 Apr & 14 May (JBH); 3, Mermet L, 26 Apr (PEL, KAM, DMK); 3, Carl.C, 7 & 14 May (DMK, KAM). **LD:** 30 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 13 Mar, Calumet Park (Cook Co) (AFS); 27 Mar, HL (FRH); 29 Mar (3 ad.), JP (BWH, PRC); 29 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH). **MC:** 447 (evening dispersal), LCal, 7 May (WJM, MLB); 26 (ad.), JP, 25 Apr (PRC); 18, HL, 31 May (DMK); 12, Bakers L (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 8 May (10), JP (PRC, SLC); 5 May (ad.), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **Others:** 23 Apr (3), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (SDB).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 26 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC:** 11, HL, 16 Apr (FRH)—ties previous spring high count. **LD:** 15 May, Indian Ridge Marsh, LCal (JWL, JRS et al.). **Others:** 4 May (local resident), Mermet L (KAM); 8 May through end of season, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (DMK).

Glossy Ibis

MC: 2 (ad.), Sauget (St. Clair Co), 28-29 May (KAM, CJL, DMK:ph., JU:ph, m.ob.). **LD:** 4-6 June, Burnham Prairie Marsh (Cook Co) (RDH:ph,KH).

White-faced Ibis

EA: 28 Apr-6 May, Chau (RG&SNB, AFS, m.ob.). **MC:** 3 (ad.), Cahokia Mounds (St. Clair Co), 3 May (TB, DMK, KAM). **LD:** 8-10 May (subad.), Sauget (St. Clair Co) (PEL, DMK, KAM), Burnham Prairie Marsh, (Cook County) 2-4 Jun (RH:ph).

Black Vulture

MC: 20, Belknap (Johnson Co), 26 Apr (PEL, KAM, DMK); 9, southern Pope Co, 25 May (SDB). **Others:** 30 Apr, L Spfld (HDB:ph); 30 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (SDB, CAT, MFD, TAM).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 1 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 Mar, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 16 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 67 (flying south ahead of a storm), Woodridge (Du Page Co), 1 Apr (MAM); 64, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 53, Edwards Co, 13 Mar (RES); 33, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 31 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 24 Apr, JP (PRC et al.).

Osprey

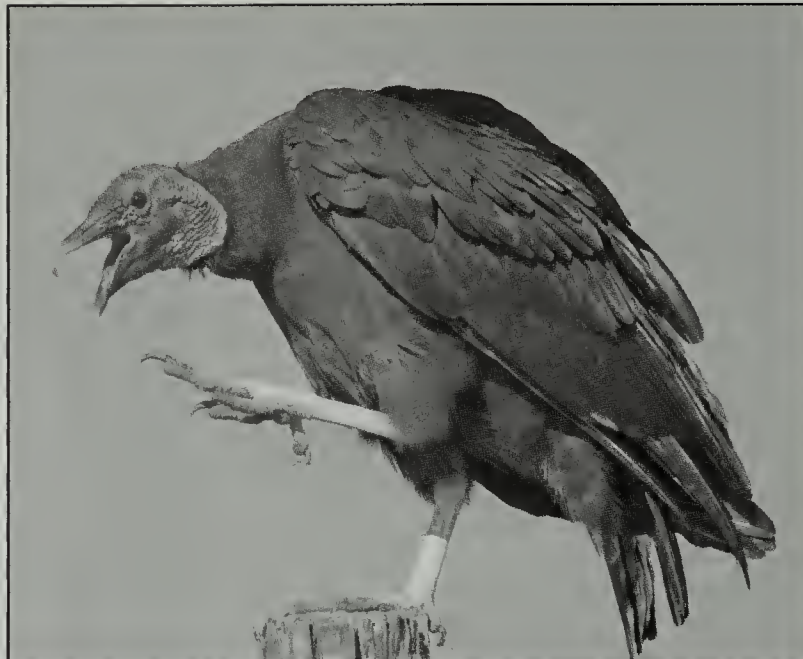
EA: 30 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 30 Mar (3), Mermet L (KAM); 3 Apr, Burnham, LCal (WJM); 9 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 Apr (1—2nd bird of pair arrived on 14 Apr), Powder Horn FP, LCal (CAM). **MC:** 4, Rock Cut, 29 Apr (DTW); 2 (pair at nest), Bergman Slough, Palos, 17 Apr (KRW); 2 (pair at nest), Mermet L, 26 Apr through end of season (DMK, KAM, PEL); 2, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 28 Apr (RG&SNB); 2 (pair at nest), Carl.C, 29 May (DMK). **LD:** 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May (up to 2), East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 26 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Mississippi Kite

EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM, DMK, PEL); 28 Apr (14), Thebes (Alexander Co) (TAM). **MC:** 198 (2 in Pulaski Co; 150 in Alexander Co; 46 in Union Co), 27 May (SDB)—**record IL high count**, shattering previous high of 83 set on 24 May 2003 in Alexander Co. [**Others:** (extralimital): [19 Apr (2), Du Page Co; 28 Apr (undocumented), M.Arb.]]

Bald Eagle

EA: 6 Mar (4 imm.), Fayette Co (TAM); 17 Mar (2nd), LeVasseur P (JBH); 27 Mar (2), Saganash-kee Slough, Palos (GAW). **MC:** 28, Putnam & Bureau Cos, 15 Mar (DFS); 20 (18 ad., 2 imm.), Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 11 Mar



Black Vulture near Mermet Lake, Massac County. 1 May 2005. Photo by Eric Walters.

(AGD); 20 (3 ad., 17 imm.), Wabash Co, 19 Mar (CLH)—"Record high count for me locally!" (CLH); 19 (8 ad., 11 imm.), Chau, 4 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 20 May (3rd), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 17 May (1st, local record late date), JP (PRC).

Northern Harrier

EA: 17 Mar (male), Adair (McDonough Co) (LLH); 25 Mar (3), La Salle Co (REF). **MC:** 4, PrRdg (Marion Co), 10 Mar (DMK); 3, Adams Co, 4 Mar (AGD); 3-4, Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co), 24 Mar (UWG). **LD:** 22 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM); 18 May (male), Evanston (JIE); 13 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, Big Muddy R (Jackson Co) (TAM).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

EA: 12 Mar, Chi (KRW); 13 Mar (imm.), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (GAW); 18 Mar, Chau (RG&SNB); 28 Mar, Carl.C (DMK). **LD:** 27 May, Trail of Tears SF (Union Co) (SDB); 6 May, Chau (RG&SNB); 16 Apr, Champaign Co (EWW); 11 Apr (imm. female), JP (PRC); 3 Apr, Carl.C (DMK).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 5, LeVasseur P, 11 Mar & 26 Apr (JBH); 4, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 3, Rock Cut, 6 May (DTW); 2, Crab Or., 4 Apr (KAM); 2, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK). **Others:** 3 Apr (pair at nest), Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (imm.), Pennington Point (McDonough Co) (LLH).

Northern Goshawk

EA: 6 Mar (ad.), LeVasseur P (JBH). **LD:** 11 Mar (overwintered), Mundelein (imm.) (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD, JWL).

Red-shouldered Hawk

EA: 6 Mar (ad.), Spring L (McDonough Co) (LLH); 16 Mar, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (REF). **MC:** 6, Mermet L, 4 May (KAM); 3, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 4 May (EES); 3, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 18-19 May (JBH). **Others:** 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 4 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 9 Apr, Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (MFD, TAM); 9 Apr (2), Jasper Co (CLH); 17 Apr (2), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (RIJ); 3 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 8 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 10 Apr, e. Fayette Co (TAM); 16 Apr (2), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 19 Apr, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 20 Apr (ad.), JP (PRC, SF). **MC:** 5, Sangamon Co, 30 Apr (HDB); 5, LeVasseur P, 3 May



(JBH). **LD:** 13-28 May (imm.), LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May, Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 1 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Swainson's Hawk

EA: 10 Apr (2), Huntley (Kane Co) (RAM, ALM). **Others:** 22 May, Big Timber Rd. (Kane Co) (KAM). [Extralimital: 2 Apr, Winnebago Co].



Glossy Ibis at Burnham Prairie Marsh, Cook County. 4 June 2005. This bird was present from 4 June to 6 June 2005. It was discovered by Robert Hughes and Kanae Hirabayashi. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Glossy Ibis at Sauget Marsh, St. Clair County. 29 May 2005. Photo by Joshua Uffman.

Red-tailed Hawk

EA: 30 Mar (ad.), JP (BWH, PRC). MC: 19, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 16, Will & Grundy Cos, 5 Mar (DFS); 13, LeVasseur P, 17 Apr (JBH); 12, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). LD: 31 Mar (ad.), JP (PRC). **Remarks:** A poor spring with two singles only at JP (PRC).

Rough-legged Hawk

LD: 14 May, Palos (WSS, WJM); 27 Apr (light morph), LCal (WJM); 16 Apr, Reilly (Vermilion Co) (EWW:ph); 8 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM). **Others:** 5 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 5 Apr (dark morph), Montrose H (GAW).

Golden Eagle

EA: 4 Mar (imm.), e. of Spfld (HDB)—the only report.

American Kestrel

EA: 30 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 30 Mar, JP (BWH, PRC). MC: 12, Shelby Co, 1 Apr (KF); 10, Clinton Co, 7 & 20 Mar (KAM, DMK); 8, Sangchris L (Christian Co), 20 Mar (RLJ); 8, Putnam Co, 23 Mar (DFS). LD: 18 May (male), JP (PRC, BWH).

Merlin

EA: 21 Mar, Nelson M (EES); 30 Mar, Rockfd (DTW). LD: 21 May, Montrose H (REF); 14 May (female), Lockport Pr Npsv (Will Co) (CMA); 30 Apr, Vermilion Co (EES); 28 Apr, Dogtooth 1 (Alexander Co) (TAM). **Others:** 10 Apr, IBSP (AFS); 16 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 Apr, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 25 Apr (*F. c. richardsonii*), Montrose H (GAW, RDH:ph)—tenth IL report of this form, and only the second for spring.

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 31 Mar & 3 Apr, LCal (WJM); 23 Apr, near Andrew (Sangamon Co) (CLH, RES). LD: 12 May, Flora (Clay Co) (CLH); 12 May (imm. *F. p. tundrius*), JP (PRC); 9 May (dark imm.), Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (MAM); 3 May (ad), Urbana (Champaign Co) (SDB, RLJ); 30 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK, CLW). **Others:** 29 Apr, UCCA (SDB, MFD, TAM, CAT); 29 Apr, Gorham Fish Ponds (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 2 May, Uptown Theatre, Chi (JWL); 28 May (local resident?), Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF).

Yellow Rail

LD: 7 May, Northerly I (SJH).

[BLACK RAIL

EA: 5 May, Du Page Co.]

King Rail

EA: 28 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 30 Apr-26 May (male), Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (DMK, KAM, CLW, SDB et al.); 7-26 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (REF); 10 May, Washington P, Chi (PRC, JIE:ph et al.); 19 May (calling male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). LD: 28-30 May (2 males), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 28 May (2), Spring L (Carroll Co) (DTW).

Virginia Rail

EA: 9 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 13 Apr, Chi (KRW); 18 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 20 Apr, Herrick L FP (EES); 23 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM). MC: 6, Bakers L (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). LD: 18 May, Deadstick Pond, LCal (JWL, JOS, KLS); 18 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD); 30 Apr, Saline Co (KAM, DMK, CLW). **Others:** 28 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 29 Apr, Spfld (*fide* HDB); 29 Apr, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH). **Remarks:** Poor numbers in southern IL this spring (KAM).

Sora

EA: 4 Apr, Pulaski Co (KAM); 9 Apr (2), Clin.I (IOS); 17 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 17 Apr (2), Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). MC: 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (MFD); 12, Hennepin L, 11 May (DFS); 10, Mermet L, 15 Apr (KAM); 9, PrRdg, 28 Apr (CLH); 9, Lake Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 23 Apr (SDB, m.ob). LD: 28 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 13 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Clinton Co (KAM, DMK, RH). **Others:** 14 Apr (2), w. Knox Co (PR); 16 Apr (5), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (RLJ); 6-11 May (2), Chau (RG&SNB); 14 May (4), Deer L FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 15 Apr (5), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (SDB).

PURPLE GALLINULE

EA: 12 Apr-2 May, Homer (Champaign Co) (*J&MW, DO:ph, BAG:ph, EES:ph, m.ob.). LD: 4-31 May, Middle Fork Co FP (Champaign Co) (L&MII, TAM:ph, SDB, m.ob.)—photos indicate that this individual had brighter plumage and bare parts coloration than the one at Homer.



Common Moorhens at the Dredge Ponds, Macon County. 30 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Common Moorhen

EA: 17 Apr, LCal (WJM); 29-30 Apr, UCCA (CAT, TAM, SDB, MFD); 6 May, HL (FRH); 7 May, Hennepin L (DFS); 7 May (pair), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD, TAM). MC: 4, Spring L (Carroll Co), 28 May (DTW); 3, L Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co), 28 May (TAM); 3, HL, 28 May (JWE). LD: 29 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (AFS). **Other:** 18 May (2), Eggers Wds, LCal (JWL, JOS, KLS); 12 May, Middlefork FB (Champaign Co) (SDB). **Remarks:** Very rare species for Macon Co; up to 2 pairs present in optimal nesting habitat (TAM). Remains very scarce in the L Cal area (WJM).

American Coot

EA: 26 Feb, Clinton Co (DMK); 4 Mar (2), Kane Co (EES); 17 Mar, Chi (KRW); 21 Mar (23), Boone Co (AEB). MC: 9200, HL, 29 Mar (KAM)—record high count for s. IL; 6848, Chau, 1 Apr (RG&SNB); 6600, Hennepin L, 14 April (DFS). LD: 28 May (3), HL (KAM, CJL); 7 May, JP (PRC, SLC).

Sandhill Crane

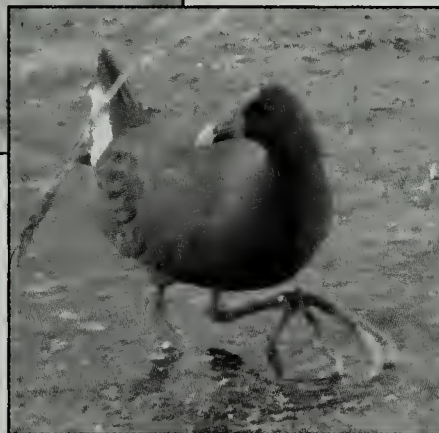
EA: 12 Feb (8), Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (TAM); 22 Feb (2), Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co) (SDB); 26 Feb (7), L&D#13 (Whiteside Co) (TAM et al.); 1 Mar (2); Pecatonica Wetlands FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 13 Mar (7), e. of Spfld (HDB). MC: 1350, Du Page Co, 18 Mar (EES); 750, Fermilab, 13 Mar (EES); 32, Boone Co, 18 Mar (AEB); 20, LShel., 13 Mar (TAM). LD: 18 May (4 with young), Pratts Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (UWG); 17 May, Grass L (Lake Co) (DRD); 12 May (2—nesting?), Middle Fork FP (Champaign Co) (SDB et al.). **Others:** 6 Mar (2), Stephenson Co (UWG:ph); 2 Apr (25) Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 15 May (2), Harmony (McHenry Co) (RAM, ALM).

[WHOOPIING CRANE

LD: 8-10 May (#18-04 of the Necedah NWR group; radio transmitters on legs; photographed), Washington P, Chi.]



Purple Gallinule, Homer, Champaign County. 28 April 2005. Photo by Dennis Oehmke. This is the first of two Purple Gallinules that appeared in Champaign County during spring 2005.



Purple Gallinule, Middle Fork Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 28 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan. This is the second Purple Gallinule discovered in Champaign County during 2005.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 24 Apr, LCal (WJM et al.); 7 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 14 May (5), Carl.F (KAM, DMK); 21 May, LShel. (TAM). MC: 45, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK)—ties record high count for s. IL; 9, HL, 15 May (FRH); 5, Bellrose Rsv, 26 May (SDB). LD: 5 Jun, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 29 May, Chau (LLH); 29 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **Others:** 11 May (2), Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS); 25 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 26 May (2), GrtLakes (Lake Co) (DRD).

American Golden-Plover

EA: 26 Mar (13), Jasper Co (RES); 30 Mar (7), Jackson Co (KAM); 10 Apr (11), w. of Hoopston (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 11 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). MC: 350, Milam Twp (Macon Co), 16 Apr (TAM); 305, Jasper Co, 6 Apr (KAM); 300, Carl.C, 10 Apr (DMK); 225+, nw. Vermilion Co, 16 Apr (EWW); 50, e. of Ashkum (Iroquois Co), 8 May (RLJ). LD: 7 May (11), Carl.C (KAM, DMK, RII); 7 May (31), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 28 Apr (22), Dogtooth 1 (Alexander Co) (TAM). **Other:** 10 Apr (30), Kaskaskia I (Randolph Co) (JWE).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 17 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 28 Apr (2), e. of Willard (Alexander Co) (TAM); 5 May, Montrose H (GAW); 8 May (2), Champaign (Champaign Co) (RLJ). **MC:** 400, Carl.F, 29 May (DMK); 72, Rockfd Airport quarry, 20 May (DTW); 66, Mendenhall Rd. (Peoria Co), 6 May (AFS). **LD:** 16 Jun (2), LCal (WJM); 12 Jun (2), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 3 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May (200), Carl.F (DMK).

Piping Plover

EA: 7 May, Spring Valley (**Bureau Co**) (DFS). **LD:** 28-29 May, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 27 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF, MAH).

Killdeer

EA: 5 Feb (10), Clinton Co (DMK); 6 Mar (2), Spfld (RLJ); 6 Mar (5), Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC:** 82, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 80, Clinton Co, 7 Mar (KAM); 33, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 11, JP, 30 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 26 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (DMK, KAM, PEL); 6 May (2), Mendenhall Rd. (Peoria Co) (AFS). **MC:** 4 (2 pairs), Bellrose Rsv, 8 May (SDB). **Others:** 29 Apr (male—same as the Grassy L individual?), UCCA (TAM, MFD, SDB, CAT); 23 May, Whalon L, (Will Co), (TM:ph).

American Avocet

EA: 30 Apr, Karl Bartel Wildlife Sanctuary (Marion Co) (MAH). **MC:** 4, LCal, 3 May (WJM); 2, Carl.F, 2 May (EWW).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 6 Mar (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM)—third earliest IL arrival date; 25 Mar (2), Jordan Rd. (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 16 Apr, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 17 Apr (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 500, Carl.F, 16 Apr (TAM)—ties for **record spring high count**; 30, Champaign Co, 25 Apr (RLJ); 15, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 4, Chau, 6 May (RG&SNB). **LD:** 12 Jun, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 2 Jun, Carl.F (DMK); 21 May, LCal (WJM); 15 May (2), Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 12 May, Carl.C (KAM).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 19 Mar, LShel. (TAM); 23 Mar (4), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 7 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 16 Apr (5), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS). **MC:** 500, Carl.F, 1 May (DMK); 325, Bellrose Rsv, 4 May (KAM); 115, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 77, Sangamon Co, 28 Apr (HDB). **LD:** 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 5 Jun, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW); 4 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May (4), Carl.F (DMK).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 6 Apr, Carl.F (KAM); 9 Apr, Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (MFD, TAM); 16 Apr, Wadsworth Wetlands (Lake Co) (AFS); 16 Apr, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **MC:** 22, Bureau Creek (Bureau Co), 7 May (DFS); 20, Bellrose Rsv, 8 May (SDB); 17, LCal, 7 May (WJM); 14, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 29 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 21 May, Lake Co (KAM); 15 May, Shelby Co (KF); 14 May, Carl.F (DMK).

Willet

EA: 27 & 28 Apr, Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 28 Apr, Dogtooth I (Alexander Co) (TAM); 29 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB); 7 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS). **MC:** 68, GrtLakes, 17 Apr (MJII)—**second highest IL spring count**; 44, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 30 Apr (KAM, DMK, CLW, m.ob.); 13, Sangamon Co, 3 May (HDB); 6, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB); 4, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co), 7 May (KF). **LD:** 18 May (2), GrtLakes (Lake Co) (DRD); 14 May (2), Wauk. (AFS, EWW). **Others:** 30 Apr (multiple birds calling at night), Saline Co (KAM, CLW, DMK); 30 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 1 May, HL (FRH); 2-4 May, Urbana (Champaign Co) (RLJ, SDB). An excellent flight statewide.

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Apr, Montrose H (GAW)—**record early for n. IL**; 8 Apr, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (DJS)—ties previous record early arrival for n. IL from 1989; 14 Apr (3), L Storey (Knox Co) (PR); 26 Apr (6), Mermet L (KAM, DMK, PEL). **MC:** 20, LeVasseur P, 16 May (JBH); 18, Montrose H, 13 May (GAW); 16, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 19 May (DFS); 12, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW); 12, L Decatur dredge ponds, 7 May (TAM, MFD). **LD:** 7 Jun (2), Northerly I (KRW); 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 30 May (3), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 26 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (SDB).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 9 Apr (2—1 observed through 26 May), PrRdg (RES, CLH); 16 Apr, Northerly I (KRW). **MC:** 4, near Good Hope (Warren/McDonough Cos), 21 May (LLII). **LD:**



Pair of Black-necked Stilts, Whalon Lake, Will County. 23 May 2004. Photo by Ed Tenne.

28 May, Lena (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 12 May, Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 6 May, Montrose H (GAW, DRD); 1 May, L Storey (Knox Co) (PR).

Whimbrel

EA: 26-28 Apr (2), Grassy Slough Psv (**Johnson Co**) (KAM, DMK, PEL et al.). **MC:** 10 (flybys), Wauk., 21 May (AFS, DTW et al.).

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 15 May (3), Ethel's Woods FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD); 15 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (KF); 15 May, HL (FRH). **LD:** 28 May (4—2 pairs) - 7 Jun (2), Carl.F (DMK, CLH).

Marbled Godwit

EA: 21 Apr, Rend L (Jefferson Co) (TJD). **LD:** 11 May, Spring Valley (**Bureau Co**) (DFS).

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 5 May, Sangamon Co (HDB:ph); 16 May (4), Montrose H (GAW); 18 May (3), Wauk. (AFS); 18 May, IBSP (AFS); 20 May (5), Carl.F (DMK). **MC:** 19, Wauk., 15 May (EWW); 16, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK); 14, GrtLakes (Lake Co), 31 May (EWW); 13, Montrose H, 24 May (GAW). **LD:** 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 31 May (4), Wauk. (EWW); 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 30 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **Others:** 26-29 May (2), Carl.F (DMK, KAM, JWE); 29 May (2), Chau (LLH). A good statewide distribution of reports.

Red Knot

EA: 14 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (**Winnebago Co**) (DTW)—the only report.

Sanderling

EA: 14 May (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 14 May, Carl.F (DMK, KAM). **MC:** 16, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK); 15, Wauk., 15 May (EWW); 8, Carl.F, 28 May (DMK). **LD:** 30 May-5 Jun, Carl.F (DMK, KAM); 19 May, JP (PRC, KMC).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 20 Apr, Emiquon NWR (Fulton Co) (LLH)—**second earliest arrival date**; 1 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (4), O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 May, Du Page Co (EES). **MC:** 2200, Carl.F, 29 May (KAM)—**second highest spring count**; 210, Sangamon Co, 28 May (HDB); 100, LCal, 31 May (WJM); 77, Rockfd Airport quarry, 22 May (DTW). **LD:** 16 Jun (2), LCal (WJM); 15 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 12 Jun (12), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 5 Jun (200), Carl.F (KAM).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 25 Apr, Champaign Co (RLJ); 5 May (2), Carl.F (TAM, MFD). **LD:** 27 May (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Least Sandpiper

EA: 2 Apr (3), LShel. (TAM); 6 Apr, Carl.F (KAM); 30 Apr (5), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 5 May (7), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 350, Putnam Co, 11 May (DFS); 220, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK); 203, Rockfd Airport quarry, 7 May (DTW); 84, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 13, Wauk., 10 May (EWW). **LD:** 12 Jun (2), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS)—ties 1976 for record late date; 30 May (4), Carl.F (DMK); 29 May (2), Chau (LLH); 28 May, LCal (EWW).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 5 May, Montrose H (AFS, GAW); 6 May (4), Wabash Co (CLH); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD); 8-9 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (UWG, MAM). **MC:** 100, Carl.F, 5 Jun (KAM); 35, Chau & Fulton Co, 24 May (LLH); 20, Mercer Co, 31 May (WAB); 3, Putnam Co, 23 May (DFS). **LD:** 16 Jun (5), LCal (WJM); 12 Jun (6), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 11 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 5 Jun, Carl.F, as above.

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 9 Apr (3), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, Carl.F (TAM). **MC:** 5, L Decatur dredge ponds, 5 May (TAM, MFD); 4, HL, 15 May (FRH); 4, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co), 16-17 May (MLR, JIE, PO). **LD:** 5 Jun (4), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 5 Jun (5), Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW); 30 May, Guzy Pr (Shelby Co) (RLJ); 24 May (2), Chau (LLH); 14 May, Wauk. (RDH); 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES). **Others:** 17 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 19 May (2), L Bloomington (McLean Co) (DJS); 7-14 May, Mercer Co (EWW:ph, WAB).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 20 Mar (40), Carl.C (DMK); 25 Mar (2), Jordan Rd. (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM); 26 Mar (30), Robert Ridgway Grassland NPsv, PrRdg (MAH); 10 Apr (6), Miller Meadow (Cook Co) (JSA, WJM); 19 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 3000, Carl.C, 17



American Avocets at Carlyle Lake. 2 May 2005. Photo by Eric Walters.

Apr (DMK); 525, Bellrose Rsv, 6 May (SDB); 300, Sangamon Co, 28 Apr (HDB); 175, Rockfd Airport quarry, 7 May (DTW); 68, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 6 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 5 Jun (6), Carl.F (DMK); 31 May, LCal (WJM); 22 May (3), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Dunlin

EA: 16 Apr (30+), Carl.F (TAM); 17 Apr (2), Montrose H (AFS); 21 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB:ph). **MC:** 500, Carl.F, 29 May (KAM)—**second highest spring count**; 128, Chau, 29 May (LLH); 60, LCal, 24 May (WJM); 26, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM). **LD:** 2 Jun (8), Carl.F (DMK); 31 May (8), LCal (WJM); 30 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 May (3), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 16-19 Apr (3), Carl.F (TAM, KAM); 6 May, Greene Valley FP (EES); 7 May, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC:** 12, Carl.F, 14 May (KAM, DMK). **LD:** 30 May, Carl.F (DMK); 26 May, Bellrose Rsv (SDB). **Others:** 30 Apr (2—1 retaining 1st winter plumage), Gorham Fish Ponds (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 6 May, Wabash Co (CLH).

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EA: 26 Apr, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co) (PEL, DMK:ph, KAM et al.).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 3 May (4), PrRdg (RES); 6 May, Spring Valley (Bureau Co) (DFS); 7 May (4), Carl.C (DMK); 9 May, Champaign Co (RLJ); 11 May, Chau (RG&SNB). **MC:** 60, Whalon I. (Will Co), 15 May (UWG); 30, Carl.F, 20 May (DMK); 25, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM); 25, Rockfd Airport quarry, 20 May (DTW). **LD:** 2 Jun, Carl.F (DMK); 29 May, LCal (WJM); 27 May (2), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 24 May (5), Chau (LLH).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 16 Apr, Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 16 Apr (22), Carl.F (TAM). **MC:** 75, Carl.F, 1 May (DMK)—**ties previous spring high count** from 1991; 30, Sangamon Co, 3 May (HDB); 25+, Bellrose Rsv, 29 Apr (TAM, MFD, CAT, SDB). **LD:** 15-18 May (2), O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (JWL, JRS, GAW et al.); 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 6 May (8), Chau (RG&SNB); 4 May (4), Crab Or. (KAM).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 9 Mar (2), Marion Co (RES); 20 Mar, LCal (WJM); 5 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 120, Carl.C, 19-20 Mar (DMK); 47, LShel., 20 Mar (RLJ); 34, Johnson Co, 6 Mar (KAM); 30+, Clin.I., 9 Apr (SDB, IOS); 18, Gibson City (Fore Co), 1 Apr (SDB); 13, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 10 Apr (DJS); 9, Bergman Slough, Palos, 17 Apr (KRW). **LD:** 7 May (8), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (GAW); 26 Apr, Pulaski Co (PEL, KAM, DMK). **Remarks:** Came through [McDonough Co] in the best numbers I have seen in years (LLH).

American Woodcock

EA: 12 Feb, Carl.C (DMK); 20 Feb, LShel. (TAM); 6 Mar (2), LCal (WJM); 7 Mar (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 16 Mar, JP (PRC, KMC). **MC:** 6+, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 30 Apr (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 4, Shelby Co, 1 May (KF); 4, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 2, JP, 19 Mar (PRC, KMC). **LD:** 5 Apr, JP (KMC).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 28 Apr (female), PrRdg (CLH); 28-30 Apr (2 females), Gorham Fish Ponds (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB); 29 Apr (2 females), Urbana (Champaign Co) (RLJ); 11 May (2 females), Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES). **MC:** 12 (mostly females), Carl.F, 1 May (TAM, DMK, SDB, MFD); 8, O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co), 16 May (JIE). **LD:** 4 Jun (female), O'Hare Airport ponds (JIE); 14 May (male), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 14 May (female), Ethel Wds FP (Lake Co) (JSS, EWW); 3 May, PrRdg (RES); 2 May, Vermilion Co (KAM, CLW). **Others:** 30 Apr (female), Bellrose Rsv (DMK, KAM, CLW et al.); 1 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (female), LCal (WJM); 7 May (female), Aledo (Mercer Co) (EWW); 14 May (2 in copula), O'Hare Airport ponds (Cook Co) (JIE). A good flight.

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 12 May, Middle Fork FP (Champaign Co) (SDB et al.). **LD:** 29 May (2 females), Carl.F (KAM, DMK); 22-24 May (female), Sangamon Co (HDB:ph).

Laughing Gull

EA: 4 Apr-29 May (ad.), 106th St. and Indianapolis Blvd., LCal (CAM, *WJM, MLB, AFS)—9th consecutive year that this individual has returned to the same KFC parking lot; 9 May (ad.), Sangamon Co (HDB:ph). **Other** (apparent **Laughing Gull x Ring-billed Gull hybrid**): 7-8 May (ad.), KFC parking lot at 106th St. and Indianapolis Blvd., LCal (*WJM, MLB).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 2 Apr, Baldwin I. (Randolph Co) (MT); 23 Apr (ad.), Sangamon Co (HDB); 29 Apr (4), East Fork I. (Richland Co) (CLH); 29 Apr (5 ad.), Bellrose Rsv (TAM, MFD, SDB, CAT); 30 Apr, Crab Or. (KAM, DMK, CLW). **MC:** 5, Bellrose Rsv, as above. **LD:** 29 May, La Salle I. (La Salle Co) (DJS); 6 May, Evanston (JIE, BWH).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 13 Feb, Carl.C (DMK); 4 Mar, L Decatur (TAM); 27 Mar, Saganashkee Slough, Palos (GAW). **MC:** 5000, Carl.F, 10 Apr (DMK); 260, Putnam Co, 14 Apr (DFS); 235, Rock Cut, 13 Apr (DTW); 96, Montrose H, 14 Apr (GAW); 72, Chau, 14 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD:** 15 May (2—1st summer), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (EWW); 7 May (18), Carl.C (DMK); 4 May (4), Crab Or. (KAM); 4 May (7), Rock Cut (DTW).

Ring-billed Gull

EA: 1 Mar (26 migrants), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 5000, Carl.C, 7 Mar (KAM); 1209, Chau, 24 Mar (RG&SNB); 617, JP, 14 Apr (PRC); 524, Saganashkee Slough, Palos, 27 Mar (GAW); 505, s. Chi lakefront, 28 May (DFS).

Herring Gull

MC: 167, Montrose H, 2 Mar (GAW); 51, Putnam Co, 23 Mar (DFS); 31, Chau, 11 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD:** 14 May, Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW); 7 May, Carl.C (DMK); 7 May (4th), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 2 Mar (ad. basic), JP (PRC); 9 Mar (1st), Fermilab (REF). **MC:** 2, LCal, 6 Mar (DFS). **LD:** 23 May (1st summer), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (EWW); 29 Apr (3rd), Montrose H (GAW); 23 Mar (1st), Hennepin I. (JDM). **Other:** 17-18 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW).

Iceland Gull

EA: 3 Mar (ad.), JP (PRC). **MC:** 3 (2 ad., 1 1st), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co), 12 Mar (DTW). **LD:** 26 May (2nd molting to 3rd), Wauk. (AFS)—**record late date** by five days; 11 May (ad.), Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (EWW); 24 Apr (ad. with unmarked wingtips), Wauk. (RDH). **Other:** 12 Mar (1st), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (AFS, DTW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 2 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW); 5 Mar (2nd), L Decatur (TAM); 12 Mar (3rd), Wauk. (DTW). **MC:** 5 (ad.), Lake Co, 5 Mar (AFS)—**second highest spring count**. **LD:** 31 May (3rd summer), GrtLakes (EWW); 12 May (2nd), JP (PRC); 29 Apr (1st), Montrose H (GAW). **Others:** 23 Mar (ad., present since 18 Feb), Rend I. (Franklin Co) (KAM); 12 Mar (2 ad.), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (AFS, DTW).

Glaucous Gull

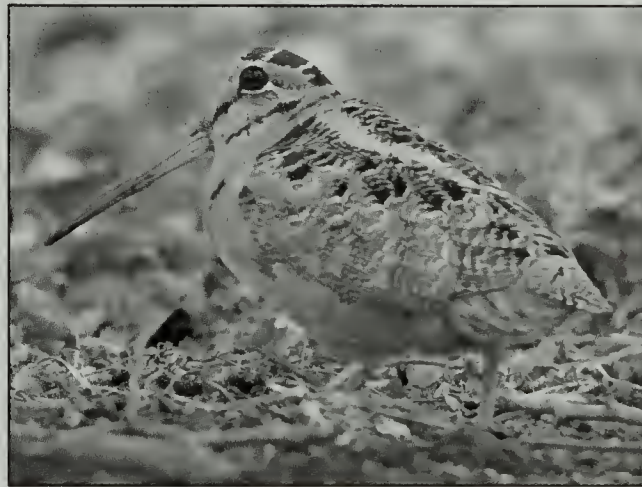
EA: 5 Mar, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co) (AFS); 8 Mar (ad.), Fermilab (REF); 26 Mar (2nd), JP (CAM). **MC:** 2 (ad.), Wauk., 16 Apr (AFS). **LD:** 23 Apr (1st), Wauk. (AFS); 20 Mar-23 Apr (2nd), IBSP (AFS); 21 Apr (2nd alternate), Montrose H (GAW). **Others:** 26 Mar, JP (CAM); 28 Mar (ad.), Montrose H (GAW); 14 Apr (2nd), Montrose H (GAW).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 5 Mar (ad.), Wauk. (AFS); 5 Mar (ad.), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (AFS); 6 Mar (4th), JP (DFS). **MC:** 3 (1 ad., 2 1st), Rainbow Beach, Chi, 11 Mar (DFS); 2 (ad.), Wauk., 20 & 27 Mar (AFS). **LD:** 18 May to end of season (1st summer), Illiana Heights (Kankakee Co) (EWW); 18 & 28 May (ad.), Wauk. (AFS, EWW); 23 Mar (2nd), JP (PRC).

Caspian Tern

EA: 30 Mar, JP (PRC)—**second earliest IL arrival date**; 2 Apr (3), LCal (WJM); 23 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK); 30 Apr (5), Gorham Fish Ponds (Jackson Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT). **MC:** 587, GrtLakes (Lake Co), 11 May (DRD)—**second highest count**, following a high of 618 on 9 May 1998; 505+, Wauk. & Winthrop



American Woodcock, Jackson Park, Cook County. 27 March 2005. Photo by Eric Walters.



Wilson's Phalaropes at Tamalco Access, Carlyle Lake, Bond County. 1 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Harbor (Lake Co), 11 May (EWW); **405**, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 164, n. Chi, 3 May (GAW); 10, Hennepin L, 11 May (DFS); 10, Chau, 22 Apr (RG&SNB); 7, Carl.C, 7 May (KAM, DMK, RH). **LD**: 5 Jun (2), Carl.C (DMK); 5 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Common Tern

EA: 3 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May (75), Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 470+, Wauk., 11 May (EWW); 75, Carl.C, as above; 63, Sangamon Co, 24 May (HDB); 15, LShel, 21 May (TAM); 6, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW). **LD**: 9 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 28 May, HL (FRH); 23 May (3), Montrose H (GAW); 20 May (2, "unusual here"), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW).

Forster's Tern

EA: 12 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 16 Apr (4), Carl.F (TAM); 3 May (2), Beckman P, Kankakee (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 60+, Wauk., 10 May (EWW); 49, Deer L FP (Lake Co), 14 May (EWW); 40, Carl.C, 24 Apr (DMK); 30, GrtLakes (Lake Co), 11 May (DRD); 24, Sangamon Co, 5 May (HDB); 18, Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (SDB, CAT, MFD, TAM). **LD**: 17 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 31 May (3), LCal (WJM); 30 May, L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 29 May, HL (FRH); 29 May (4), Carl.C (DMK).

Least Tern

EA: 25 May, Black Btm (Massac Co) (SDB); 14 Jun (2 ad.), Sangamon Co (HDB:ph).

Sterna, sp?

MC: 40 (migrant flock at dusk), L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM).

Black Tern

EA: 1 May (9), Carl.F (TAM, SDB, DMK, MFD); 7 May (4), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 7 May (3), Hennepin L (DFS); 7 May (2), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM, MFD). **MC**: 70+, Deer L FP (Lake Co), 14 May (EWW); 38, Chau, 29 May (LLH); 27, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM); 10, Carl.F, 14 May (DMK). **LD**: 13 Jun, L Spfld (HDB:ph); 29 May (7), Carl.F (KAM); 29 May (4), La Salle L (La Salle Co) (DJS); 15 May (4), Wauk. (EWW).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 245, w. Cook Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 127, Montrose H, 25 May (GAW); 102, Sangamon Co, 20 Mar (RLJ); 82, JP, 2 Mar (PRC); 27, LeVasseur P, 7 Mar (JBH); 20, Carl.C, multiple dates (DMK).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: **57**, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 34, Christian, Montgomery & Shelby Cos, 20 Mar (RLJ); 11, Carl.C, 7 Mar (KAM); 5, Metropolis (Massac Co), 6 Mar (KAM). **Others**: 19 Mar (2), Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (RES); 25 Mar & 9 Apr (2), Oakley (Macon Co) (TAM, MFD); 14 Apr (2), Pennington Point (McDonough Co) (LLH); 17 Apr, Wayne Co (RES); 30 Apr (2), Hennepin (Putnam Co) (UWG); 6 May (2) Cypress (Johnson Co) (SDB); 20 May (2), Montgomery Co (KAM); 23 May (1—"My first for Richland County") & 26 May (3), Olney (Richland Co) (CLH); 28 May, Thomson (Carroll Co) (DTW); 1 Apr, Onarga Twp (Iroquois Co) (SDB).

[WHITE-WINGED DOVE]

28 May (singing), Clinton Co; 17 May (photographed), Sangamon Co.]

Mourning Dove

EA: 6 Mar (migrant), JP (PRC); 6 Mar, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS). **MC**: 89, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 67, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 66, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 52, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS); 50, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DMK); 49, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 37, St. Clair Co, 26 May (KAM); 16, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 110, Burnham, LCal, 7 Mar (WJM); 40, JP, 7 Mar (PRC); 15, Chi, 13 Mar (KRW). **Others**: 26 Mar (2), Addison (Du Page Co) (UWG); 2 Apr (8+ nests), Rainbow Beach, Chi (KRW); 7 May (colony of 34 nests), Burnham, LCal (CAM); 17 May (3), Cricket Creek FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 17 May (4+ nests), Cricket Creek FP (Du Page Co) (EES).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: **26 Apr**, Ullin (Union Co) (KAM, PEL, DMK)—ties for second earliest arrival date, and first April datum since 1991; 7 May, Decatur (TAM); 10 May, Montrose H (GAW); 11 May, Elsen's Hill (EES). **MC**: 2, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 2, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK). **LD**: 29 May, Carl.F (DR); 22 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (DRD); 21 May, LShel. (TAM). **Others**: 13 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 14 May, JP (KD, KMC); 22 May, Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: **23 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM)—**record early arrival** by 1 day; 26 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (PEL, KAM, DMK); 7 May, McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May, Shelby Co (KF); 9 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC**: 22, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 2, Montrose H, 18 May (GAW). **LD**: 8 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 30 May, JP (PRC); 21 May, LShel. (TAM).

Barn Owl

MC: 2 (1 from new location), Union Co, 7 May (SDB). [**Others** (extralimital): Winter - 13 Mar (female, photographed), **Clinton Co**; 7 May (male), **Clinton Co**.]

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 6, Carl.C, 1 May (DMK); 3, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 6 Mar (KAM); 3, Lake Co, 7 May (DRD). **Others**: 15 May, Harms Wds, Glenview (Cook Co) (JWL, JRS et al.); 18 May, Middle Fork FWA (Vermilion Co) (JWL, JOS, KLS).

Great Horned Owl

EA: 17 Mar, JP (PRC, KMC). **MC**: 7, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 4, Boone Co, throughout season (AEB); 2, Chau, 6 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 27 Apr, Evanston (NC, JIE). **Other**: 15 May, Harms Wds, Glenview (Cook Co) (JWL, JRS et al.).

Barred Owl

MC: 15, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 9, Bureau & Putnam Cos, 7 May (DFS); 6, w. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 5, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 4, Oakwood Btms, 4 Apr (KAM); 4, Spfld, 6 Mar (RLJ). **Other**: 3 Apr (calling), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (REF).

Long-eared Owl

EA: 20 Mar, e. of Spfld (HDB); 5 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 5, Carl.C, 6-12 Mar (TAM, DMK). **LD**: 4 Apr (2, overwintered), Urbana (Champaign Co) (RLJ).

Short-eared Owl

EA: 2 Mar (2), Wayne Co (RES); 5 Mar (2), La Salle/Livingston Co Line (DJS); 13 Mar, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (AFS); 2 Apr, Northerly I (KRW). **MC**: 7, PrRdg, 26 Mar (CLH, RES); 5, Peabody R King FWA (St. Clair Co), 8 Mar (TUM). **LD**: 10 Apr, ne. of East Lynn (Iroquois & Vermilion Cos) (SDB); 20 Mar (3), Peabody R King FWA (St. Clair Co) (TUM).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: **8**, Carl.C, 6 Mar (TAM)—**record spring high count**, with at least 10 individuals present at this location throughout the winter; other than the concentrations at Carlyle L this winter and spring, previous IL high counts peak at 4 individuals. **LD**: 30-31 Mar, Hyde Park, Chi (D&NG:ph); 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 5 Mar, Macon Co (TAM).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 26 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM, DMK, PEL); 7 May, McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May, Decatur (TAM); 13 May (2), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: **150+** (concentrated group prior to a storm), L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM)—ties for second highest spring count; 50+, L Decatur dredge ponds, 28 May (TAM); 9, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 16 May (DTW); 5, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 30

May (KAM). **LD**: 28 May, L Decatur, as above; 18 May, JP (PRC, BWH). **Remarks**: Very scarce in the Chicago area this spring (WJM).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 23 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM). **MC**: **19**, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 8 May (SDB); 4 May (KAM); near Dongola (Union Co), 7 May (SDB). No other reports.

Whip-poor-will

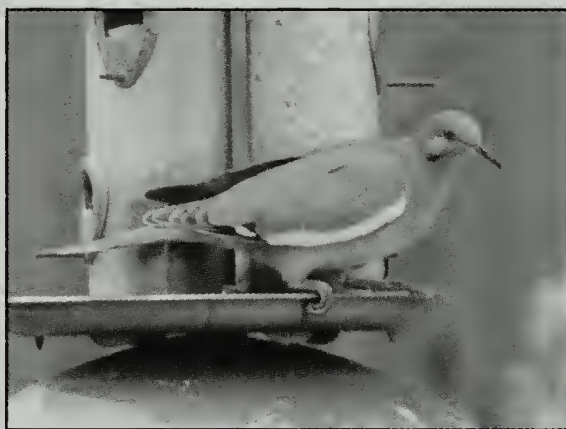
EA: 5 Apr (2), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, Shelby Co (KF); 6 May, Evanston (JIE:ph et al.); 7 May, JP (MCP). **MC**: 27, Rt. 127 (Union Co), 7 May (SDB); 7, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 6, Carl.C, 17 Apr (DMK); 6, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 5, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW); 3, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 2, Sangamon Co, 7 May (HDB). **LD**: 18 May, Grant P (DEW). **Other**: 30 May, IBSP, South Unit (DRD).

Chimney Swift

EA: **30 Mar** (3), Pulaski Co (KAM); 12 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB); 15 Apr, Grant P (DEW); 15 Apr, Shelby Co (KF). **MC**: 250, Chi lakefront, 15 May (DEW); 150, Carl.C, 1 & 14 May (DMK); 87, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 50, Madison Co, 9 May (KAM); 44, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF).



Common Nighthawk at the Morton Arboretum, DuPage County. 18 May 2005. Photo by Jerry Kumery.



White-winged Dove, Sangamon County. 17 May 2005. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 21 Apr (male), Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 21 Apr, Edwards Co (RES); 1 May (2), Shelby Co (KF); 6 May, JP (COG). **MC:** **60**, Shelby Co, 15 May (KF)—**record high spring count** (formerly 40 at Shelby Co, 20 May 2000); 10, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 3, JP, 10 May (JIE, PRC); 3, Rockfd, 15 May (DTW); 3, Montrose H, 28 May (GAW). **LD:** 5 Jun, Evanston (JIE); 4 Jun, JP (KDF).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 13 Mar (2), Coal City (Grundy Co) (DFS); 19 Mar, JP (AGT). **MC:** 3, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH); 3, Carl.C, 9 Apr (DMK); 3, Mermet L, 17 Apr (KAM); 3, LCal, 24 Apr & 7 May (WJM); 3, LeVasseur P, 31 May (JBH). **LD:** 31 May, JP (PRC); 28 May, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 28 May, Linc.P (GAW).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 12 Apr, Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD); 20 Apr (2), Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 38, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 35, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW); 15, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 7, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 4, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 2, JP, multiple dates (PRC et al.). **LD:** 5 Jun (first spring), JP (PRC); 20 May, Montrose H (GAW). **Remarks:** Very low numbers this spring (KAM).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 19 Apr (male), JP (KMC). **MC:** **40**, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 21, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 20, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 19, Palos, 7 May (CBT); 18, LeVasseur P, 9 Apr (JBH); 15, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM). **LD:** 20 May (2), JP (PRC).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 20 Mar (male), Cobb P, Kankakee (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 25 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 30 Mar (5), Linc.P (GAW); 30 Mar, Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF). **MC:** 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 13 Apr (JSA); 9, Linc.P, 6 Apr (GAW); 7, LeVasseur P, 8 Apr (JBH); 5, Lodge P (Piatt Co), 31 Mar (RLJ). **LD:** **27 May** (possibly nesting), Stephenson Co (DFS); **25 May**, Grant P (DFS); **15 May**, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH)—ties 2003 late date for c. IL; 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES). **Remarks:** Very poor migration... (DFS).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 25, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 19, Salt Crk Wds, 29 May (DFS); 13, LeVasseur P, 10 Apr (JBH); 12, Massac Co, 4 Apr (KAM); 7, JP, 30 Mar & 7 May (PRC, BWH); 6, Carl.C, 12 Mar, 9 Apr & 14 May (DMK).

Hairy Woodpecker

EA: 24 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 5, Salt Crk Wds, 29 May (DFS); 4, Carl.C, 12 Mar (DMK); 4, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 4, Ft Massac, 8 Apr (KAM); 4, LeVasseur P, multiple dates (JBH); 2 (females), JP, 19 Apr (PRC, KMC). **LD:** 21 May, Montrose H (KRW); 14 May (female), JP (KMC); 14 Apr, Montrose H (GAW).

Northern Flicker

EA: 20 Mar, Mallard L FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 30 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 54, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 Apr (JSA); 29, JP, 14 Apr (PRC); 28, Putnam Co, 14 Apr (DFS); 15, LeVasseur P, 8 & 10 Apr (JBH); 8, Union Co, 30 Mar (KAM); 8, Carl.C, 3 & 9 Apr (DMK). **LD:** **3 Jun**, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 28 May, Linc.P (GAW).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 7, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 7 (Vermilion CO), 23 Apr (SDB, m.ob.); 6, Jackson Co, 16 Apr (KAM); 5, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 3, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 8 Apr (AGD); 3, Chau, 20 May (RG&SNB); 2, Putnam Co, 14 Apr (DFS); 2, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW). **Others:** 6 Mar, Whiteside Co (UWG); 30 May (male), Rock Cut (DTW).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 6 May (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 7 May, Evanston (JIE); 7 May, Shelby Co (KF); 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 14 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 3, Rock Cut, as above; 2, Argyle L SP (McDonough Co), 22 May (LLH); 2, JP, 25 May (PRC, DCA); 2, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 22 May (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 6 Jun, JP (PRC); 4 Jun (2), Rock Cut (BW, IOS); 31 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 31 May (2), Iroquois Co (JBH); 28 May, Louse Creek Rd. (Fayette Co) (DMK).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 4 May (6), Ft Massac (KAM); 5 May (2), Shelby Co (KF); 8 May (2), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 12 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** **51**, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 27, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 24, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 17, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 14, Grant P, 26 May (DFS). **LD:** **18 Jun**, Evanston (JIE); 12 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 10 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 2 June (4), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (SDB)..

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: **6 May**, JP (KMC); 12 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 18 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 9, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 8, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 28 May (DFS); 6, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 9 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 28 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK). **Remarks:** Very poor numbers at JP (PRC).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 28 Apr (singing), Oakwood Bms (Jackson Co) (TAM); 6 May (2), Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 7 May (2), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM); 11 May, Elsen's Hill (EES). **MC:** **50**, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 7 (males), Spitler Wds NPsv (Macon Co), 21 May (TAM); 6, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM).

“Traill’s Flycatcher”

EA: 5 May, Skokie (Cook Co) (JIE). **MC:** 16, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS). **LD:** 12 Jun, Evanston (JIE).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 12 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 14 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK); 15 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 21 May (2), LShel. (TAM). **MC:** 11, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW); 4, Rock Cut, 30 May (DTW). **LD:** 12 Jun (singing), LCal (WJM); 12 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 29 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: **30 Apr** (singing), Bellrose Rsv (SDB, CAT, TAM, MFD); 7 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 7 May, Montgomery Co (RLJ); 9 May, JP (PRC, SLC); 16 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 11, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co), 22 May (KAM); 7, Montrose H, 19 May (GAW); 4, Pulaski Co, 26 May (SDB). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 28 May, Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (TAM).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 30 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM, DMK, CIW); 5 May (2), Evanston (JIE, BWH); 5 May (2), JP (PRC, KMC); 7 May (5), Macon Co (TAM). **MC:** 18, Montrose H, 20 May (GAW); 16, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 9, JP, 18 May (PRC, BWH); 5, Macon Co, as above; 4, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK). **LD:** **14 Jun**, Montrose H (GAW)—ties 1994 for latest reported departure; 4 Jun (singing), LCal (WJM); 30 May, HL (FRH); 21 May (male), LShel. (TAM). **Others:** 22 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM); 27 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH). **Remarks:** A weak passage at JP (PRC).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 13 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar, Edwards Co (RES); 18 Mar, JP (WDE); 19 Mar, L Decatur (TAM); 19 Mar, LShel. (TAM). **MC:** **39**, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH); 28, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 12, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 11, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS); 11, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** **18 May**, Linc.P (GAW).

[ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER

LD: 17 May, Du Page Co.]

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 22 Apr, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, HL (FRH); 5 May, Evanston (JIE, BWH); 6 May, McDonough Co (LLH); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 25, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 18, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 15, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 12, Palos, 7 May (CBT). **LD:** 11 Jun (3), Evanston (JIE); 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 28 May (2), Linc.P (GAW).

Western Kingbird

EA: 6 & 9 May, Madison Co (FRH, KAM); 7 May, Spfld (HDB). **MC:** **6**, Granite City (Madison Co), 8 May (DMK, PEL). **LD:** 26 May, Fountain Rd. (Monroe Co) (JWE).

Eastern Kingbird

EA: **10 Apr**, Union Co (KAM); 16 Apr (male), Carl.F (TAM); **17 Apr**, Coles Co (*fide* LBH)—second earliest arrival for Coles Co (LBH); 5 May, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 45, L Decatur dredge ponds, 19 May (TAM); 37, s. of Plano (Kendall Co), 16 May (EWW); 25, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK); 36, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 20, HL, 10 May (KAM); 18, LCal, 26 May (WJM); 16, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 6, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 7 May, Grassy Slough Psv (**Johnson Co**) (DE)—**first county record**. **LD:** Late May, Freeburg (St. Clair Co) (MW *fide* AS)—5th county record.

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER

LD: 16 May (adult), Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co) (*JIE:ph, WSS:ph, JWL, m.ob.)—**first state record**. See article in this issue.

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 4 (ad. with 3 young), Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 22 May (DMK); 4 (2 pairs), Ayer's Pr/Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co), 28 May (DTW); 3, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 2, PrRdg (Marion Co), 20 Mar (TAM); 2, Princeville (Peoria Co), 24 Apr (JWW); 2, Normandy Rd. (Pulaski Co), 1 May (TAM, SDB, MFD). **Others:** 7 May, Bureau Co (DFS); 7 May, Montgomery Co (RLJ); 7 May, Wabash Co (CLH, RES); 13 May, Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 21 May, Bishop Hill (Henry Co) (JWW). **Remarks:** Six pairs present at the Savanna Army Depot (Jo Daviess/Carroll Cos) (DGW *fide* DTW).

Northern Shrike

LD: 20 Mar, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (AFS); 18 Mar, Fermilab (EES); 5 Mar, Rock Cut (DTW). No other reports.

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 30 Mar, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM)—**second earliest IL arrival**; 14 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 16 Apr (singing), Carl.B (TAM); 19 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, Rosehill Cemetery, Chi (JWL); 4 May (2), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 32, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 16, Jackson Co, 22 Apr (KAM); 5, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK).

Bell's Vireo

EA: 4 May (2), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 5 May (singing), Fayette Co (TAM, MFD); 12 May, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES). **MC:** 3, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 3, Argonne National Laboratory (Du Page Co), 29 May (REF). **LD:** 25 May (singing), **Montrose H** (GAW, RDH)—latest available date for this exceedingly rare species along the Chicago lakefront.

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 8 Apr (3), Ft Massac (KAM); 14 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW); 6 May, JP (KMC). **MC:** 21, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 11, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 6, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 6, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 3, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 14 May (SDB, SLD); 3, JP, 11 May (PRC). **LD:** 18 May, Linc.P (GAW).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 12 Apr, Sangamon Co (HDB); 17 Apr, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM); 20 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 Apr, Germantown (Clinton Co) (DMK); 30 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, CLW, DMK). **MC:** 3, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 3, Grundy Co, 8 May (DFS); 3, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 2, LeVasseur P, 22 & 29 Apr (JBH). **LD:** 29 May, JP (PRC); 29 May, L Spfld (HDB); 12 May, s. Clinton Co, as above.

Warbling Vireo

EA: 10 Apr, Grassy L (Union Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD)—second earliest for c. IL; 29 Apr, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (EES); 5 May (3), Evanston (JIE, BWH). **MC:** 42, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW); 38, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 37, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 25, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 16, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM); 12, JP, 7 May (SLC, PRC).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 7 May, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 7 May, Grant P (DEW); 11 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 13 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 3, Carl.C, 14 May (KAM, DMK); 3, JP, 18 May (PRC, BWH). **LD:** 28 May, Montrose H (GAW); 25 May, Rosiclare (Hardin Co) (SDB); 22 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM); 16 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 10 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM)—ties with 2001 for record early IL arrival; 14 Apr, Douglas-Hart Nature Center (Coles Co) (LBH et al.)—record early arrival for c. IL; 7 May (4), Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 74, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 54, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 32, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 29, Sangamon Co, 13 May (HDB); 26, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 22, Ogle Co, 14 May (DFS). **LD:** 22 Jun (2), Grant P (DFS); 3 Jun (10), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Blue Jay

EA: 18 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 19 Apr (6 northbound), Evanston (EWW); 19 Apr (4), JP (PRC et al.). **MC:** 276, Montrose H, 10 May (GAW); 128, IBSP, 23 May (EWW); 84, JP, 6 May (PRC); 55, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 40, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM). **LD:** 22 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 22 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 12 Jun (2 southbound), Evanston (JIE).

American Crow

MC: 80, LeVasseur P, 6 Mar (JBH); 65, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 44, Linc.P, 25 May (GAW); 35, Spfld, 21 Mar (RLJ); 29, Union Co, 7 May (SDB). 2 migrating from Champaign to Elmira, Michigan, 50-60 mi. south of Straits of Mackinac (Arlo Raim fide SDB).

Fish Crow

EA: 6 Mar (2), Mermet L (KAM); 20 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **MC:** 50, Bellrose Rsv, 4 May (KAM); 16, Madison Co, 28 May (KAM, CJL); 6, Santa Fe Btms, 9 Apr (DMK). **Other:** 26 Apr, Mermet L (DMK); 29 May, Carl.F (DMK); [extralimital: 20 Apr (2), Zion (Lake Co)]. Others: 15 Apr (5), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (SDB).

Horned Lark

EA: 23 Feb, JP (PRC); 5 Mar, Fermilab (EES). **MC:** 76, Effingham Co, 7 May (MAH); 60, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK); 46, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 45, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS). **Other:** 16 Apr (nest with 5 young), Fayette Co (TAM:ph).

Purple Martin

EA: 18 Mar (3), Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES)—**record early arrival for n. IL** by 2 days; 23 Mar, Union Co (KAM); 29 Mar (3), Shelby Co (KF); 11 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 200, Carl.C, 20 May (DMK); 174, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 63, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 34 (nesting), South Shore Cultural Center, Chi, 13 May (WJM); 26, Durand (Winnebago Co), 7 May (DTW).

Tree Swallow

EA: 19 Feb, HL (FRH)—**record early arrival**; 26 Feb, Carl.C (DMK); 13 Mar (6), Dresden Power Plant (Grundy Co) (DFS); 20 Mar (31), Sangchris L (Christian

Co) (RLJ); 30 Mar (5), JP (PRC, BWH). **MC:** 5000, Carl.C, 1 May (DMK); 500, Grassy L (Union Co), 26 April (KAM, DMK); 96, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 30 Apr (DTW); 77, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 1 Jun, JP (PRC). **Other:** 6 May (yellow and white bands on left leg), Eggers Wds, LCal (CAM).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 25 Mar, HL (FRH); 26 Mar, East Fork L (Richland Co) (CLH); 3 Apr (3), Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co) (DJS); 7 Apr (5), JP (PRC)—local record early arrival by one day (PRC); 9 Apr, Decatur (MFD, TAM). **MC:** 200, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co), 18 May (EES); 125, Rock Cut, 12 May (DTW); 40, Grassy Slough Psv (Johnson Co), 26 Apr (KAM, DMK, PLe); 40, Carl.C, 1 May (DMK); 31, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF).

Bank Swallow

EA: 10 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 14 Apr (30—colony), Cass Co (RLJ); 16 Apr, Northerly 1 (KRW); 24 Apr (2), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 3 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 200+ (colony), s. of Willard (Alexander Co), 28 Apr (TAM); 200, Carl.C, 1 May (DMK); 194, Rockfd Airport quarry, 7 May (DTW); 175, Quincy (Adams Co), 12 May (AGD). **LD:** 30 May, Montrose H (GAW); 27 May (6), ne. Champaign Co (EWW).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 30 Mar (10), Ft Massac (KAM); 13 Apr (3), Rock Cut (DTW); 20 Apr, JP (PRC, KMC); 27 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC:** 275 (southbound), Wauk., 15 May (EWW); 165, Stephenson Co, 27 May (DFS); 140, Jackson Co, 4 May (KAM); 130, Shelby Co, 25 May (KF); 110, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 75, Carl.C, 15 May (DMK). **LD:** 28 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Barn Swallow

EA: 23 Mar, Pulaski Co (KAM); 25 Mar, HL (FRH); 7 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 10 Apr, M.Arb. (EES). **MC:** 300, Carl.C, 1 May (DMK); 46, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 40, Montrose H, 21 May (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 28, Jackson Co, 30 Mar (KAM); 18, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 17, Union Co, 7 May (SDB).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 62, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 35, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 10, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 10, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 10, LeVasseur P, 16 May (JBH). **Other:** (extralimital): 1 May (voice ID), **Carl.C** (DMK)—Certainly there are inherent difficulties with identification of chickadees by voice as individuals can learn their counterpart's song. To compound the difficulty in chickadee identification, hybridization has been known to occur. In regards to this report, Black-capped Chickadees occur as near as southern Bond Co and central Fayette Co. Any movement beyond the normal population boundary is significant and is poorly understood.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 67, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 29, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 25, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM); 19, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 17, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 12, Carl.C, 15 May (DMK); 10, LeVasseur P, 27 Mar (JBH). **Other:** 28 Apr, Shaw Pr (Lake Co) (DRD); 14 May (2), Ryerson CA (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

EA: 18 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 19 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 23 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM). **MC:** 4, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 2, JP, 24 Apr & 5 May (PRC); 2, LeVasseur P, 1 May (JBH). **LD:** 28 May, Grant P (DEW); 16 May, Big Rock (Kane Co) (EWW); 14 May, Oregon (Ogle Co) (DFS); 11 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **Others:** 6 Mar (2—overwintered), Rockfd (DTW); 6 Mar (2—overwintered), Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 31 Mar, Lodge P (Piatt Co) (RLJ).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 14, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 13, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 10, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 10, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 8, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 20 Apr, JP (PRC).

Brown Creeper

EA: 18 Mar, JP (PRC); 26 Mar, HL (FRH); 30 Mar, Boone Co (AEB); 31 Mar (2), Lodge P (Piatt Co) (RLJ). **MC:** 13, JP, 14 Apr (PRC); 8, LeVasseur P, 22 Mar (JBH); 6, Jackson Co, 30 Mar (KAM). **LD:** 14 May, JP (KMC); 4 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG).

Carolina Wren

EA: 10 Apr, Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 31, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 29, Massac Co, 8 Apr (KAM); 8, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 2-3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

[BEWICK'S WREN]

LD: 23 Apr, Clinton Co.]

House Wren

EA: 9 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 10 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 14 Apr, Vermont Reservoir (McDonough Co) (LLH); 17 Apr, JP (PRC); 18 Apr, Blackwell FP (Du Page

Meadowlark

Co) (EES). **MC:** 75, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS)—**second highest spring count**; 44, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW); 27, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 17, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 15, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.). **LD:** 28 May, Linc.P (GAW); 25 May, Grant P (DFS).

Winter Wren

EA: 19 Mar (2), Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (RES); 31 Mar (2), Seneca P, Chi (KRW); 1 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 3 Apr, Rock Springs Center (Macon Co) (TAM). **MC:** 3, Mermet L, 6 Mar (KAM); 2, Montrose H, 16 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 12 May, Grant P (DFS); 29 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 Apr, M.Arb. (EES); 17 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM). **Remarks:** A brief and very weak passage of singles only at JP (PRC).

Sedge Wren

EA: **26 Mar** (singing), Robert Ridgway Grassland NPsv, PrRdg (MAH)—**record early arrival by eleven days**; 26 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 30 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (TAM, MFD, SDB, CAT); 4 May (3), Rock Cut (DTW); 7 May (singing), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM). **MC:** 5, Moraine Hills SP (Mc Henry Co), 21 May (KAM); 4, Montrose H, 13 May (GAW). **LD:** 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 19 May (3), Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RH, DW).

Marsh Wren

EA: 17 Apr, LCal (WJM); 20 Apr, JP (COG); 28 Apr, PrRdg (CLH); 5 May (singing), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM). **MC:** 5, Mermet L, 4 May (KAM); 4, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 29 Apr (DJS); 3, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 21 May (KAM); 2, JP, 16 May (PRC). **LD:** **8 Jun**, Linc.P (GAW); 25 May, Montrose H (GAW). **Other:** 22-29 May (nesting, 3 territories), **Carl.F** (DMK et al.)—first nesting record for Carlyle L (DMK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 19 Mar, JP (PRC); 19 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 38, M.Arb., 4 Apr (EES); 29, Jackson Co, 30 Mar (KAM); 14, JP, 3 Apr (GAW); 7, Lodge P (Piatt Co), 31 Mar (RLJ); 5, Kankakee Co, 20 Mar (JBH). **LD:** **7 May** (2), **Montgomery Co** (RLJ); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 18 Apr, Elsen's Hill (EES); 10 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM); 10 Apr, Carl.C (DMK). **Remarks:** A weak passage at JP (PRC).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 30 Mar, JP (KMC); 30 Mar, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM). **MC:** 62, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 40, JP, 7 May (PRC, BWH); 29, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 20, Carl.C, 23 & 24 Apr (DMK); 11, Ft Massac, 15 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 21 May, Linc.P (GAW); 17 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 14 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May (2), Macon Co (TAM).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 30 Mar (3), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 31 Mar, L Spfld (HDB); 10 Apr, M.Arb. (EES); 10 Apr (female), JP (PRC, WDE). **MC:** 94, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); **62**, Siloam Springs SP (Adams/ Brown Cos), 7 May (AGD)—record high count for c. IL; 61, Massac Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 41, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 31, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 20, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 28 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 5 Mar (2), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 10 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 12 Mar (10), Stephenson Co (DFS). **MC:** 30, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 21, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 15, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW); 2 (males), JP, 10 May (JIE, PRC). **LD:** **5 Jun** (female), JP (KMC); **3 Jun** (male), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Veery

EA: 30 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, DMK, CLW); 3 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May (13), JP (PRC et al.); 11 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 13, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 12, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 14 May (DFS); 7, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 6, LeVasseur P, 16 May (JBH). **LD:** 31 May, JP (PRC); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, Spitler Wds NPsv (Macon Co) (TAM); 15 May (2), Carl.C (DMK). **Remarks:** Good numbers this year (GAW).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 30 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM, DMK, CLW); 6 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May, Macon Co (TAM); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** **29**, Sangamon Co, 9 May (HDB); 13, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 9, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 6, GAR Wds, River Forest (Cook Co), 20 May (JSA); 6, Ryerson CA (Lake CO_, 14 May (SDB, SLD); 5, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 14 May (DFS). **LD:** 1 Jun, JP (PRC); 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 22 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM); 21 May (2), LShel. (TAM); 21 May, Spitler Wds NPsv (Macon Co) (TAM). **Remarks:** Poor numbers at JP (PRC).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, JP (KMC); 24 Apr, Shelby Co (KF); 10 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 61, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 60, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB); 43, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 42, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 14 May (DFS); 30, Carl.C, 15 May (DMK); 27, Montrose H, 26 May (GAW). **LD:** 4 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 29 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, HL (FRH). **Remarks:** Excellent spring numbers in southern IL (KAM). Migrated through in very good numbers this spring (LLH).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 6 Mar (likely overwintered), Carl.C (TAM); 30 Mar, Linc.P (GAW); 3 Apr (2), Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (REF). **MC:** 19, JP, 20 Apr (PRC); 13, Montrose H, 11 Apr (GAW); 10, Sangamon Co, 25 Apr (HDB); 6, Ft Massac, 8 Apr (KAM); 5, LeVasseur P, 29 Apr & 3 May (JBH). **LD:** 12 May, Linc.P (GAW); 11 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 10 May (2), Spfld (RLJ); 4 May, McDonough Co (LLH); 30 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, CLW, DMK).

Wood Thrush

EA: 15 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 26 Apr, Shelby Co (KF); 4 May, Grant P (JIE); 7 May, Bakers L (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 33, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 9, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 6, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 19 May (JBH). **LD:** 1 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

American Robin

EA: 24 Feb (male), Hyde Park, Chi (PRC); 5 Mar (40), Grundy Co (DFS); 7 Mar (12), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** **2030**, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH); 1050, JP, 19 Apr (PRC); 760, Clinton Co, 7 Mar (KAM); 755+, Evanston, 30 Mar (EWW); 435, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS); 312, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 130, Spring L (McDonough Co), 18 Mar (LLH). **LD:** 9 May (2 migrants), JP (PRC).

Gray Catbird

EA: **9 Apr**, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG)—**record early for n. IL**; 23 Apr (2), Germantown (Clinton Co) (DMK); 23 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 1 May, Shelby Co (KF); 5 May (3), Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 57, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 43, JP, 18 May (PRC, BWH); 30, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 14, LeVasseur P, 22 May (JBH). **LD:** 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 30 May (3), Montrose H (GAW).

Northern Mockingbird

EA: 14 Apr, Adams Co (AGD); 17 Apr (local record early arrival), JP (PRC); 7 May, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 11, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 30 May (DFS); 9, Massac Co, 25 May (SDB); 8, Union Co, 7 May (SDB). **LD:** 21 May (2—residents?), IBSP (AFS); 21 May, McCormick Place (Cook Co) (GAW); 10 May, JP (PRC et al.). Well reported from northern IL.

Brown Thrasher

EA: 26 Mar, Richland Co (RES); 3 Apr, Montrose H (GAW); 6 Apr (2), Spfld (RLJ); 16 Apr, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 32, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS); 20, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 16, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 11, JP, 7 May (PRC); 11, Union Co, 7 May (SDB). **LD:** 28 May, Montrose H (GAW). **Remarks:** The population is the highest I've seen in years (LLH). A weak passage at JP (PRC).

European Starling

EA: 7 Mar (317 migrants), JP (PRC). **MC:** 3000, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 1000, Fermilab (EES); 720, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 370, JP, 19 Mar (PRC); 256, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 175, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM).

American Pipit (1st passage)

EA: **5 Feb**, nw. Fayette Co (TAM); **6 Feb**, Santa Fe Btms (DMK)—the only dates prior to 22 Feb other than the record early arrival on 1 Feb 1995; 20 Mar, Sangamon Co (HDB); 25 Mar (4), Jordan Rd. (Macon Co) (MFD, TAM); 29 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** **200**, Carl.C, 20 Mar (DMK); 53, Ford/Champaign Co Line, 16 Apr (EWW). **LD:** 23 Apr (2), Ford/Champaign Co line (SDB); 10 Apr (9), nw. of Hoopeston (Vermilion Co) (SDB).

American Pipit (2nd passage)

EA: 23 Apr (14), Johnson Co (KAM); 27 Apr (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 1 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 14, Johnson Co, as above; 14, Montrose H, 5 May (GAW); 10, hear Homer, Vermilion Co, 4 May (SDB); 9, Rockfd Airport quarry, 7 May (DTW). **LD:** 26 May (2), Montrose H (GAW); 22 May (3), Kane Co (KAM, SAC); 12 May, Kerr Twp (Champaign Co) (SDB); 10 May, Sangamon Co (HDB); 7 May (3), Wabash Co (CLH, RES).

Cedar Waxwing

EA: 17 Mar (2), JP (PRC)—the only report assignable to the traditionally recognized early passage of this species' split migration; 22 Apr (25), O'Fallon (St. Clair) (KAM); 28 Apr (6), Skokie (Cook Co) (JIE); 5 May (22), Montrose H (GAW); 6 May, Sangamon Co (HDB); 18 May (11), Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 120, Wauk., 18 May (EWW); 108, JP, 18 May (PRC et al.); 105, LeVasseur P, 28 May (JBH); 50, Carl.C, 15 May (DMK); 45 (in 4 flocks), Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW). **LD:** 12 Jun (28 southbound), Evanston (JIE); 7 Jun (24), Evanston (JIE). **Remarks:** Absent in southern IL during March & April (KAM). None in March or April (HDB).

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: **15 Apr**, Sangamon Co (HDB)—ties with 1994 for record early arrival for c. IL; 16 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 6 May (2 males), JP (COG, PRC); 7 May, Bakers L (Cook Co) (GAW); 10 May, Kankakee Co (JBH). **MC:** **15**, Palos, 7 May (CBT)—ties record high count for n. IL; 6+, Cedar Creek (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (SDB, TAM, MFD, CAT); 3, JP, 7 May (SLC, BWH). **LD:** **12 Jun**, Montrose H (GAW)—second latest reported migrant date; 15 May (male), JP (DRL); 7 May (2), Carl.C (DMK); 4 May (2), Ft Massac (KAM). **"Brewster's Warbler":** 7 May (male),

JP (PRC, SLG); 9 May (male), Evanston (JIE); 15 May (male), Elsen's Hill (EES); 19 May, Montrose H (GAW).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 30 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM, CLW, DMK); 6 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 7 May (2), Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (GAW); 7 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). MC: 9, Palos, 7 May (CBT); 5, Ogle Co, 14 May (DFS); 2, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 2, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). LD: 17 May, JP (KMC); 16 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, Garden Prairie (Boone Co) (DTW); 14 May, Carl.C (KAM, DMK). **Remarks:** A weak passage at JP (PRC).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: **15 Apr** (2), Ft Massac (KAM); **16 Apr**, Rockfd (BW)—**record early arrival for n. IL** by one day; 5 May (3), Evanston (JIE). MC: 136, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 115, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 61, Grundy Co, 13 May (DFS); 55, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 45, Elsen's Hill, 15 May (EES); 40, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB). LD: 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 29 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 22 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 17 May, HL (FRH). **Remarks:** Low numbers (GAW).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 15 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, JP (AFS, PRC et al.). MC: **12**, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 10+, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 8 May (RDH)—highest spring counts since 1993; 4, Carl.C, 23 Apr (DMK); 4, Salt Crk Wds, 15 May (DFS). LD: 22 May, JP (KDA, PRC); 15 May (male), Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD); 13 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May, Montgomery Co (RLJ); 30 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (TAM).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 15 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 20 Apr, Elsen's Hill (EES); 22 Apr (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 23 Apr, LShel. (TAM); 4 May (2), JP (PRC et al.). MC: 25+, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 8 May (RDH); 24, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 17, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 13, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW). LD: **22 Jun** (singing), Grant P (DFS)—evidently **record late migrant by eleven days** (but see sparse summer data in Bohlen's 1989 *Birds of Illinois*, plus out-of-season record from Will Co, 7 Jul 1993); 28 May, Olive P, Chi (KRW); 18 May, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 17 May, HL (FRH).

Northern Parula

EA: **28 Mar**, Mermet L (KAM); 12 Apr (singing male), e. of New Canton (Pike Co) (SDB); 17 Apr (3 males), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (RLJ); 6 May (3), Montrose H (GAW); 7 May (3), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (DTW). MC: 29, Union Co, 10 Apr (KAM); 26, Massac Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 22 (including a female carrying nesting material), Union Co, 7 May (SDB); **16**, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF)—record spring high count outside s. IL; 6, Salt Crk Wds, 15 May (DFS); 5 (males), JP, 11 May (PRC). LD: 25 May, Grant P (DFS). "**Sutton's Warbler**" (Northern Parula x Yellow-throated Warbler): 26 Apr-16 May, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (EES:ph, DFS:sound recording, DJS, m.ob.)—**first record of this hybrid in IL**.

Yellow Warbler

EA: **10 Apr**, Carl.C (DMK)—**ties with 1992 and 1995 for record early arrival**; 15 Apr, Mermet L (KAM); **16 Apr** (male), Coles Co (LBH)—ties 1991 record for earliest arrival at Coles Co and c. IL; **18 Apr**, LCal (WJM); 20 Apr (4), Rock Cut (DTW). MC: **93**, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS)—**record single-party high count**; 51, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 25, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 9, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). LD: 3 Jun (5), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

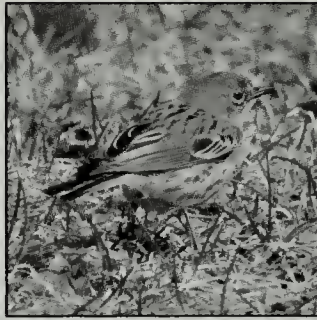
EA: 4 May (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 6 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May (4), JP (PRC et al.); 7 May (2), Macon Co (TAM). MC: 30, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 16, Elsen's Hill, 15 May (EES); 13, Sangamon Co, 15 & 16 May (HDB); 5, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM). LD: 8 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May (2), LShel. (TAM).

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 6 May, JP (COG); 7 May, Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 May (3), Macon Co (TAM); 7 May (2), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 59, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 38, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 27, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB); 8, Carl.C, 14 & 15 May (DMK, KAM). LD: 6 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 2 Jun, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (SDB); 1 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 31 May, Iroquois Co (JBH); 27 May (female), Schuyler Co (LLH); 26 May, Round Knob (Massac Co) (SDB).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 6 May, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 6 May (male), JP (PRC, COG); 7 May, Macon Co (TAM); 7 May (2), Clinton Co (KAM, RH, DW). MC: **43**, Wolf L, 19



"Audubon's" Yellow-rumped Warbler at Jackson Park, Cook County. 24 March 2005. Photo by Jerry Knmery. This subspecies of the Yellow-rumped Warbler is a western race and has a yellow throat compared with the "Myrtle" race's white throat. The "Audubon's" is a rarely observed/document-ed race for Illinois.

May (DFS); 26, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB); 16, Ogle Co, 14 May (DFS); 6, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 6, LeVasseur P, 13 May (JBH). LD: 1 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 20 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 15 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 7 May (5 males), JP (PRC et al.); 7 May (male), Spittler Wds NPSv (Macon Co) (MFD); 7 May, Union Co (SDB); 15 May, Rockfd (DTW). MC: 5, JP, as above; 3, Linc.P, 13 May (GAW); 3, Cook Co, 21 May (KAM). LD: 23 May (female), JP (PRC); 20 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, LM); 14 May (female), Elsen's Hill (UWG); 11 May, Foley's Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: 30 Mar (2 males), JP (PRC, BWH); 9 Apr (2), Carl.C (DMK). MC: 222, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM et al.); 109, Salt Crk Wds, 15 May (DFS); 72, Sangamon Co, 28 Apr (HDB); 58, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 35, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 29, Ft Massac, 23 Apr (KAM). LD: 4 June, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 12 (SDB, m.ob.); 27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 16 May (12), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May (2), Carl.C (DMK). "**Audubon's Warbler**" (western subspecies): **19-29 Mar** (ad. female), Promontory Point, JP (*PRC, KMC, JK:ph, EWW:ph, m.ob.); 1 May (female), Carl.C (DMK).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 4 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 16 Apr (singing male), Rock Cave NPSv (Effingham Co) (TAM); 4 May (2 males), JP (PRC, KMC); 7 May (5), Macon Co (TAM). MC: 20, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM et al.); 16, Palos, 7 May (CBT); 5, Macon Co, as above; 5, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 4, Ft Massac, 4 May (KAM). LD: 7 Jun (2), Evanston (JIE); 28 May (female), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 26 May, Round Knob (Massac Co) (SDB).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 30 Apr, Pulaski Co, (CLW, DMK, KAM); 6 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 6 May (male), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 May (2), Macon Co (TAM). MC: 19, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 9, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 8, Rock Cut, 14 May (DTW); 4, LeVasseur P, 13 May (JBH); 3, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 3, LShel., 21 May (TAM). LD: 29 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 22 May, Shelby Co (KF); 14 May (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 28 Mar, Mermet L (KAM); **8 Apr**, M.Arb. (EES); 10 Apr, Danville (Vermilion Co) (SDB); 12 Apr (singing), e. of New Canton (Pike Co) (SDB); 19 Apr - end of season, Rock Cut (MAR, DTW)—"Singing a Cerulean Warbler song from a White Pine," 4 May (DTW). MC: 12, Jackson Co, 10 Apr (KAM); 12, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 10, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 4, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW); 2, Rock Cut, 14 May (DTW). LD: **29 May**, Kilbuck FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). "**Sutton's Warbler**": see Northern Parula.

Pine Warbler

EA: 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 10 Apr (male), JP (BWH, PRC); 14 Apr (2), Hennepin L (DFS); 17 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD). MC: 5, Jackson Co, 30 Mar (KAM); 4 (males), JP, 16 Apr (PRC); 4, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 4 May (JSA); 3, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). LD: 9 May (female), JP (PRC); 9 May (male), Evanston (JIE); 7 May, Clinton Co (KAM, RH, DW); 7 May, Macon Co (MFD).

Prairie Warbler

EA: 10 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 8 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). MC: 7, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 5 (singing males on territory), Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 5 May (TAM, MFD). LD: 30 May (male), Iroquois Co (JBH); 17 May, Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co) (AFS); 10 May (female), JP (JIE, PRC).

Palm Warbler

EA: **25 Mar** (*D. p. palmarum*—overwintered?), Santa Fe Btms (DMK:ph)—**record early arrival** (the previous earliest being of the extralimital subspecies *hypochrysea*, 29 Mar 1997, and otherwise 1 Apr); **8 Apr**, LeVasseur P (JBH); 10 Apr, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co) (KAM); 16 Apr, Grant P (DEW). MC: 151,



"Sutton's" Warbler at Fabyan Forest Preserve, DuPage County. 28 April 2005. Photo by Eric Secker. This is a rare hybrid of Yellow-throated Warbler and Northern Parula.

Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 7 May (RAM et al.); 74, JP, 7 May (BWH, PRC et al.); 69, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 25, Carl.C, 7 May (DMK); 22, Sangamon Co, 7 May (HDB). **LD:** 25 May, Grant P (DFS); 24 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 21 May, LShel. (TAM); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK); 20 May, Elsen's Hill (EES).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 4 May, Ft Massac (KAM); 7 May (2), Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM et al.); 7 May, Macon Co (MFD); 12 May (3), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 28, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB); 16, Salt Crk Wds, 21 May (DFS); 13, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 5, Rock Cut, 14 May (DTW); 3, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 3, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM). **LD:** 4 Jun (singing male), Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co) (DFS); 29 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 May (2), Linc.P (GAW); 20 May, Carl.F (DMK); 20 May, IIL (FRH).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: **15 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM)—**record early arrival** by 2 days; 30 Apr, Dan Ryan Wds (Cook Co) (KRW); 6 May (male), JP (KMC); 7 May, Macon Co (TAM). **MC:** **68**, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS)—**record single-observer spring count**; 45, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 41, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 22, JP, 23 May (PRC); 22, Sangamon Co, 22 May (HDB). **LD:** 7 Jun (male), Evanston (JIE); 2 Jun (female), Montrose H (GAW); 29 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 28 May, Carl.C (DMK).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: **10 Apr**, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 5 May (male), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (RDH); 7 May (2 males), JP (PRC, SLG). **MC:** 12+, Cedar Creek (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (SDB, TAM, MFD, CAT); 6, Pomona (Jackson Co), 22 Apr (KAM); 5, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 3, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 29 May (male), Half Day Psv (Lake Co) (JWL); 21 May (2), I&M Canal (La Salle Co) (DJS); 7 May, IIL (FRH); 29 Apr (migrant male), Pine Hills (Union Co) (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 8 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 15 Apr, Elsen's Hill (EES); 19 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 19 Apr, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 8, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 14 May (SDB, SLD); 8, JP, 7 May (PRC); 6, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 8 May (GAW); 5, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW); 3, LeVasseur P, 12-13 May (JBH); 3, Momen Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 18 May (JBH). **LD:** **17 Jun** (singing male), Woodridge (Du Page Co) (MBC); **17 Jun** (singing male), Evanston (JIE); 30 May, Carl.C (DMK); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). Poor numbers. Note: This year's late dates on 17 Jun are the latest published as migrant departures, but see summer reports in *Meadowlark* for numerous records of uncertain status in Jun and Jul.

American Redstart

EA: **16 Apr**, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM)—ties with 1992 for second earliest arrival date; 5 May (imm. male), Evanston (JIE); 7 May (4), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 May (2), Macon Co (TAM); 8 May (3), LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 63, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 43, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 40, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 29, Sangamon Co, 15 May (HDB); 25, Clinton Co, 7 May (KAM, RH, DW); 20+, Cedar Creek (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (SDB, TAM, MFD, CAT). **LD:** 12 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS).

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: **4 Apr**, Ft Massac (KAM)—**record early arrival** by 2 days; **5 Apr**, Linc.P (AG et al.)—**second earliest arrival date and record early for n. IL** by 1 day; 23 Apr (singing male), LShel. (TAM). **MC:** **38**, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW)—**second highest count outside s. IL**; 27, Massac Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 24, Chau, 6 May (RG&SNB); 16, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 5, Kankakee R (Kankakee Co), 30 May (DFS). **LD:** 11 May, Foley's Pond, Highland Park (Lake Co) (DRD).

Worm-eating Warbler

EA: **10 Apr**, Atwood Ridge (Union Co) (KAM); 24 Apr, JP (KMC); 7 May, Macon Co (MFD); 8 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (RDH, GAW). **MC:** **32**, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 6, Jackson Co, 16 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 27 May, Beall Wds NPsv (Wabash Co) (CLH); 20 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 19 May, Evanston (JIE, m.ob.). **Other:** 14 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM).

ISWAINSON'S WARBLER

6-8 May, Wabash Co—photographed and recorded singing.]

Ovenbird

EA: 26 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM, PEL, DMK); 4 May (male), JP (DCA); 4 May (male), Spfld (RLJ); 8 May (5), Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 25, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 14 May (DFS); 11, Sangamon Co, 9 May (HDB); 7, JP, 16 May (PRC); 6, s. Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 4, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** **13 Jun**, Illinois Institute of Technology campus, Chi (GAW); 7 Jun (2), Evanston (JIE); 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 22 May, Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM).

Northern Waterthrush

EA: 17 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 18 Apr, JP (CAT); 22 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM). **MC:** 20, JP, 16 May (PRC); 14, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 7 May (EWW); 13, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 10, Sangamon Co, 9 & 13 May (HDB); 8, Middlefork FP (Champaign Co), 12 May (SDB); 7, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM). **LD:** 6 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 27 May, ne. Champaign Co (EWW); 24 May (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 15 May, IIL (FRH).

Louisiana Waterthrush

EA: 23 Mar, Jackson Co (KAM); 1 Apr, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 1 May, Kishwaukee Gorge FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 7 May, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 15, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 13, Jackson Co, 6 April (KAM); 3, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 3, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 29 May (singing), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 21 May (singing), Spittler Wds NPsv (Macon Co) (TAM); 8 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (GAW).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 16 Apr (2), Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 28 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 7 May (male), Evanston (JIE, BWH). **MC:** **69**, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Jackson Co, 22 Apr (KAM); 8, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 3, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co), 10 May (AFS). **LD:** 20 May, GAR Wds, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 20 May, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co) (UWG); 19 May, Wolf L (DFS); 14 May, Rock Cut (DTW).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 9 May, JP (GD); 14 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 14 May, Carl.C (DMK, KAM); 16 May, M.Arb. (EWW); 19 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 2, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 2, Montrose H, 22 & 23 May (AFS, JWL, GAW et al.); 2, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW). **LD:** 5 Jun (female), Evanston (JIE); 28-31 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH); 30 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 29 May, Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 20-21 May, Rock Island State Trail (Stark Co) (JWW).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 7 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 10 May (male), Evanston (JIE); 12 May, Clinton Co (KAM); 13 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 15, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 6, LeVasseur P, 28 May (JBH); 5, Rainbow Beach, Chi, 28 May (DFS). **LD:** 8 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 2 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 30 May, Carl.B (DMK); 30 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 29 May, LeVasseur P (JBH).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 10 Apr, Union Co (KAM); 25 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 29 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 73, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 36, Grundy Co, 13 May (DFS); 33, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 25, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM); 20, Montrose H, 23 May (GAW). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 3 Jun (3), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Hooded Warbler

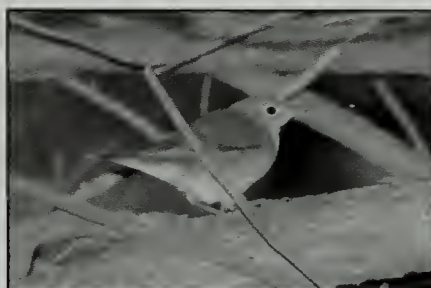
EA: 10 Apr, Jackson Co (KAM); 19 Apr (singing male), Rantoul (Champaign Co) (SDB); 30 Apr, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 11, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 8 (males), Cedar Creek (Jackson Co), 29 Apr (SDB, TAM, MFD, CAT). **LD:** 30 May (male), Robert Allerton P (Piatt Co) (IDM); 29 May (male), Salt Crk Wds (DFS); 20 May (male), JP (PRC).

Wilson's Warbler

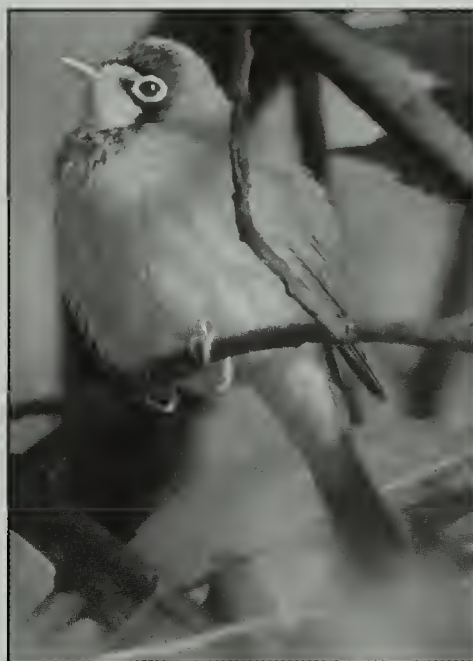
EA: 8 May (male), JP (SLC); 10 May, IIL (KAM); 16 May, Rock Cut (DTW); 16 May, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 42, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 20, Wolf L, 19 May (DFS); 6, Sangamon Co, 13 May (HDB); 3, LeVasseur P, 22, 24 & 28 May (JBH). **LD:** 6 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW); 4 Jun, Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (DFS); 28 May, Middle Fork R Co FP (Champaign Co) (TAM); 26 May (2), Round Knob (Massac Co) (SDB).

Canada Warbler

EA: 30 Apr, Ft Massac (DMK, KAM, CIW); 7 May, Elsen's Hill (EES); 15 May, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD); 19 May (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 23, Linc.P, 28 May (GAW); 20, Evanston & Wilmette (Cook Co), 19 May (JIE); 13, Wolf L, 19 May



Connecticut Warbler at the Magic Hedge, Cook County. 22 May 2005. Photo by Jerry Kumery.



Canada Warbler at Lake Shelbyville, Moultrie County. 21 May 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

(DFS); 5, Sangamon Co, 19 May (HDB). **LD:** 6 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 4 Jun, Sangamon Co (HDB); 30 May, Kankakee Co (DFS); 21 May, Rock Island State Trail (Stark Co) (JWW); 15 May, Carl.C. (DMK).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 20 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD)—**record early for c. II**; 22 Apr (3), Union Co (KAM); 6 May, JP (KMC); 12 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC:** 20, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 5, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 6 May (AGD); 5, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 4, Clinton Co, 7 & 14 May (KAM, DMK et al.); 3, Rock Cut, 30 May (DTW). **LD:** 8 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 20 May, Chi (KRW); 12 May, JP (KMC).

Summer Tanager

EA: 10 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM)—**second earliest arrival date**; 1 May (2), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May (imm. male), Evanston (JIE). **MC:** 35, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 5, Carl.C., 7 May (DMK). **LD:** 5 Jun (imm. male), Evanston (JIE); 27 May (imm. male), Montrose H (GAW); 26 May (female), Montrose H (GAW). **Others:** 7 May (male), JP (KMC); 15 May (female), North Park Village (Cook Co) (JWL, JRS et al.).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 15 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 20 Apr, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 5 May (male), Evanston (JIE); 8 May (4), Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 33, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 10, Ogle Co, 14 May (DFS); 10, Carl.C., 14 May (DMK, KAM); 9, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 9, Rock Cut, 14 May (DTW); 12, Ryerson CA (Lake Co), 14 May (SDB, SLD). **LD:** 5 Jun (2 males), Evanston (JIE); 29 May (female), JP (PRC).

Spotted Towhee

LD: 20 Apr, Fall Creek (Adams Co) (AGD)—the only report.

Eastern Towhee

EA: 6 Mar (3 males), Carl.C (TAM); 30 Mar (3 males), JP (BWH, PRC); 1 Apr (2), Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 25, Carl.C., 3 Apr & 14 May (DMK, KAM); 22, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 17, Palos, 7 May (CBT); 16, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 13, Jackson Co, 10 Apr (KAM); 11, Montrose H, 11 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 28 May, Linc.P (GAW).

American Tree Sparrow

EA: 7 Mar (8 migrants), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC:** 152, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 120, Carl.C., 13 Mar (DMK); 105, Grundy Co, 13 Mar (DFS); 60, Sangchris L (Christian Co), 20 Mar (RLJ); 60, near Reily (Vermilion Cop), 12 Mar (SDB, SLD); 15, JP, 29 Mar (PRC, BWH). **LD:** 18 Apr, JP (KMC); 14 Apr (3), Wolf L (CAM); 5 Apr, Shelby Co (KF); 13 Mar, Carl.C., as above; 6 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 23 Mar, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 25 Mar (4), Carl.C (DMK); 28 Mar (2), Shelby Co (KF); 30 Mar, Linc.P (GAW). **MC:** 142, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 104, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS); 81, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 49, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 44, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 30, Carl.C., 14 May (DMK, KAM). **LD:** 25 May, Linc.P (GAW).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 6 May, Linc.P (RDH); 6 May, JP (ESG, GD); 6 May, Decatur (TAM); 7 May, Carl.C (DMK). **MC:** 4, Grant P, 17 May (DFS); 2, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW:ph); 2, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 22 May (KAM). **LD:** 10 Jun, Northerly 1 (DFS)—**record late date** (with virtually all other Jun data for this species applying to confirmed or likely prospective nesters, with possible exceptions of a male at Plum Creek FP (Cook Co), 7 Jun 1997, and 2 at IBSP, 7 Jun 1981); 14-28 May, IBSP (AFS); 25 May, New Milford (Winnebago Co) (BW). **Others:** 8 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA, RAM); 14 May, Wauk. (EWW); 15 May (male), Lakewood FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD); 16 May (male), Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (EWW).

Field Sparrow

EA: 13 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK); 20 Mar, Sangchris L (Christian Co) (RLJ); 30 Mar (10), Linc.P (GAW); 2 Apr (2), Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 47, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 45, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 Apr (MAH); 43, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 30 May (DFS); 40, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 26, Pulaski Co, 17 Apr (KAM); 12, Bergman Slough, Palos, 17 Apr (KRW). **LD:** 7 Jun, Montrose H (GAW)—latest available date for reported migrant; 3 Jun (singing), Evanston (JIE).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 23 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 30 Mar (2), JP (PRC, BWH); 2 Apr, Shirland (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 44, Grundy Co, 16 Apr (DFS)—**record spring count** for n. IL; 18, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 9, Logan Co, 23 Apr (DFS); 4, Carl.C., 3 Apr (DMK); 4, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 2 Apr (KRW); 4, Kaskaskia I (Randolph Co), 10 Apr (JWE); 3, Union Co, 15 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 22 May, Concordia Cemetery, Forest Park (Cook Co) (RAM).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 14 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS); 16 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Carl.B (DMK); 19 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH); 20 Apr, Havana (Mason Co) (LLH). **MC:** 14, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 7, Pembroke Twp (Kankakee Co), 30 May (DFS); 4, s. Alexander Co, 28 Apr (TAM); 2, s. Quincy Btms (Adams Co), 20 Apr (AGD). **LD:** 25 May (3), The Hollows FP (Mc Henry Co) (AFS); 8 May, Champaign Co (RLJ); 1 May, Carl.C (DMK). **Others:** 23 Apr (migrant), LShel. (TAM); 1 May (2), Blackhawk Springs FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 14 May (2), Northwestern University landfill, Evanston (JSA, WJM, WSS et al.); 18 May (2), Jasper Co (CLH).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 13 Mar (6), Carl.C (DMK); 29 Mar (2), JP (PRC, BWH). **MC:** 220, Northerly 1, 7 May (DEW)—**record spring high count** by 70 birds; 40, Northerly 1, 21 May (KRW); 19, Wabash Co, 7 May (CLH, RES); 11, Bellrose Rsv, 23 Mar (KAM); 10, Kerr Twp (Champaign CO), 12 May (SDB); 6, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 2 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 22 May (11), Springbrook Pr FP (Du Page Co) (KAM).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 6 Apr (2), PrRdg (JWW); 15 Apr, Johnson Co (KAM); 16 Apr, Northerly 1 (KRW); 7 May (7), Macon Co (TAM). **MC:** 24, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 5, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM). **LD:** 21 May, Northerly 1 (KRW).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 6 Apr (3), PrRdg (JWW); 8 Apr (5), Pulaski Co (KAM); 10 Apr, Miller Meadow (Cook Co) (JSA, *WJM); 11 Apr (2), Montrose H (RDH, GAW); 7 May, Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM). **MC:** 35+, near Dongola (Union Co), 25 May (SDB); 28, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 6, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 8 May (DTW); 2, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 21 May, Northerly 1 (KRW); 8 May, JP (KMC). **Other:** 16 May (male), Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (EWW).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 9 Apr (3), Clin.L (SDB, IOS); 20 Apr, JP (COG, KMC); 4 May, Grant P (JIE). **MC:** 3, Clin.L, as above. **LD:** 10 May, Montrose H (RDH); 7 May, Northerly 1 (DEW); 7 May, JP (SLC).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

EA: 7 May, Grant P (*MII); 10 May, PrRdg (CLH, RES). **LD:** 30 May, JP (PRC); 26-27 May, Montrose H (GAW); 22 May, Montrose H (AFS); 17 May, Sangamon Co (HDB).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar, Carl.C (TAM); 7 Mar, Northerly 1 (DFS); 10 Mar, Rockfd (DTW); 10 Mar, Spfld (RLJ). **MC:** 32, LeVasseur P, 12 Mar (JBH); 19, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH); 12, Carl.C., 25 Mar (DMK); 8, Buckley (Iroquois Co), 1 Apr (SDB). **LD:** 24 Apr, Matthiessen SP (La Salle Co) (AFS); 16 Apr, HL (FRH); 15 Apr, Heron Pond (Johnson Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, JP (PRC). **Other:** 9-12 Apr (partial albino with a snowy white head), JP (PRC et al.). **Remarks:** 5 total birds versus average of 90+ in the spring (DFS).

Song Sparrow

EA: 23 Feb, JP (PRC); 7 Mar (30), Northerly 1 (DFS). **MC:** 164, JP, 30 Mar (PRC, BWH); 77, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 77, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 54, Hennepin L, 15 Mar (DFS); 21, Clinton Co, 12 May (KAM). **LD:** 26 May, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS).

Lincoln's Sparrow

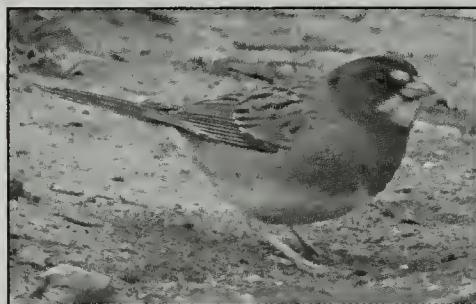
EA: 23 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 23 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 2 May, Montrose H (GAW); 7 May (2), Macon Co (TAM). **MC:** 25, Montrose H, Linc.P & Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 15 May (DTW); 24, JP, 18 May (WSS, PRC); 4, LeVasseur P, 16 May (JBH); 2, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 2, Carl.C., 14 May (DMK, KAM). **LD:** 3 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 1 Jun, Linc.P (GAW); 28 May, LeVasseur P (JBH); 14 May, Carl.C., as above.

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 13 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 17 Mar, Montrose H (GAW); 18 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH). **MC:** 220, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 91, JP, 7 May (SLC, PRC); 68, Montrose H, 5 May (GAW); 37, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 12, Oakwood Btms (Jackson Co), 30 Mar (KAM). **LD:** 28 May (singing), Evanston (JIE); 13 May (2), LeVasseur P (JBH); 7 May, Carl.C (DMK).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 10 Apr (2), JP (PRC et al.); 10 Apr (4), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF). **MC:** 339, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 290, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 133, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 40, Carl.C., 13 Mar (DMK); 29, Massac Co, 23 Apr (KAM); 24, Logan Co, 23 Apr (DFS). **LD:** 9 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 22 May, Kane Co (KAM); 10 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May, Carl.C (DMK). **Others:** 13 Mar (2—migrants?), Grant P (KRW). We tentatively treat most records much prior to mid-Apr as involving locally wintering popu-



White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco hybrid. Montrose Point, Cook County. 6 April 2005.
Photo by Kanae Hirabayashi.

lations. Note that the earliest window-kills at McCormick Place, Chi, going back to 1980 are on 12 Apr (1995 and 1996), other than a single among 35 sparrows on 20 Mar 2004 (*fide* DEW)

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 27 Mar, HL (FRH). **LD:** 20 Apr, JP (PRC). No other reports.

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 4 Apr, Massac Co (KAM); 15 Apr (3), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 19 Apr, JP (KMC); 26 Apr (3), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 337, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 280, Grant P, 7 May (DEW); 111, Evanston, 7 May (JIE); 105, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 97, McDonough Co, 7 May (LLH); 20, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 1 Jun, Grant P (DFS); 25 May, Iroquois Co (JBH); 15 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 7 May (5), Carl.C (DMK). **Other:** 25 Mar (15, including 1 ad. *Z. l. gambelii*), Urbana (Champaign Co) (TAM). Good numbers.

Dark-eyed Junco

EA: 7 Mar (3+ migrants), JP (PRC). **MC:** 210, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 110, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 43, JP, 29 Mar (PRC, KMC); 32, Jackson Co, 23 Mar (KAM); 30, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK). **LD:** 23 May, Montrose H (GAW); 2 May, Champaign Co (KAM, CLW); 30 Apr, Ft Massac (CLW, KAM, DMK); 26 Apr, Rockfd (DTW). **"Oregon Junco":** 13 Mar (overwintered), Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW); 22 Mar (male), Kankakee Co (JBH). White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco hybrid, Montrose H, 6 April (JL, m.ob., KI:ph)..

Lapland Longspur

EA: 20 Mar (3), Carl.C (DMK); 16 Apr, Northerly I (KRW). **MC:** 1000+, Dalton City (Macon Co), 3 Apr (TAM); 150, near Reily (Vermilion Co), 12 Mar (SDB, SLD); 100+, Mercer Co, 24 Mar (WAB); 72, Stephenson Co, 12 Mar (DFS); 60, DeKalb Co, 25 Mar (DJS). **LD:** 7 May (40), Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (PBO); 5 May (2), Clayton (Adams Co) (AGD); 30 Apr (7), Rockfd Airport quarry (DTW). **Remarks:** Poor winter/spring numbers in southern IL, departed early (KAM).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK); 30 Mar, Jasper Co (RES). **MC:** 41, ne. Champaign Co, 10 Apr (SDB); 30, McLean Co, 10 Apr (REF); 25, PrRdg, 6 Apr (KAM). **LD:** 11 May (3), se. Ford Co (CLW)—**record IL late date** by 3 days. **Other:** 10 Apr (2), s. of Cookesville (McLean Co) (SDB).

Snow Bunting

LD: 6 Mar (15), McHenry/Boone Co Line (UWG)—the only report.

Northern Cardinal

MC: 232, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS)—highest single-party spring count for IL; 93, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 60, Carl.C, 13 Mar (DMK); 50, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 35, Adams Co, 20 Apr (AGD); 25, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 20, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 23 Apr, Ft Massac (KAM); 27 Apr (male), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 28 Apr (male), JP (PRC); 6 May, Rockfd (DTW). **MC:** 53, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 35, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 20, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 16, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 12, Linc.P, 11 May (GAW). **LD:** 28 May (2), Linc.P (GAW).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 22 Apr, Pomona (Jackson Co) (KAM); 26 Apr, Miss. R levee (Union Co) (PEL, DMK, KAM); 2 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 15 May, Hopkins Park (Kankakee Co) (GAW). **MC:** 5, East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 28 May (KAM, CJL); 4, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 4, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 3, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM). **LD:** 12-13 May (female), LeVasseur P (JBH).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 9 Apr (male), Camp Sagawau, Lemont (Cook Co) (REF)—**record early arrival for n. IL** by 5 days; 15 Apr (2), Ft Massac (KAM); 4 May (male), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May, Bakers L (Cook Co) (GAW). **MC:** 165, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 90, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM); 70, Kankakee Co, 30 May (DFS); 10, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 10 (at feeder), Rockfd, 14 May (DTW). **LD:** 14 Jun (2), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 5 Jun (male), Evanston (JIE).

Painted Bunting

EA: 8 May (banded male), East St. Louis (St. Clair Co) (DMK, PEL).

Dickcissel

EA: 26 Apr, Union Co (KAM, DMK, PEL); 4 May (male), JP (JSR, KMC)—local record early arrival (PRC); 7 May (4), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 May (3), Sand Creek CA (Macon Co) (TAM); 19 May (2), Bell Bowl Pr NPsv (Winnebago Co) (DTW). **MC:** 50+, Miss. R Levee (Union Co), 6 May (SDB); 35, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 22 May (DMK); 6, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF). **LD:** 14 Jun, Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS); 2 Jun (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Bobolink

EA: 24 Apr, Carl.C (DMK); 26 Apr (5), Union Co (KAM, DMK); 4 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 5 May (male), Evanston (JIE, BWI); 5 May (6), Mode (Shelby Co) (KF). **MC:** 300+, Municipal Sanitation District (Fulton Co), 13 May (JWW, JS, MB)—**2nd highest IL count**; 127, Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 80+, s. Alexander Co, 30 Apr (TAM, SDB, MFD, CAT); 30, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK). **LD:** 16 Jun, Montrose H (GAW); 3 Jun (male), St. Rose (Clinton Co) (DMK); 29 May, Carl.F (KAM); 27 May (10 females), Horseshoe L CA (Alexander Co) (SDB); 25 May (female), near Dongola (Union Co) (SDB).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 2 Mar, Montrose H (GAW). **MC:** 4000, Carl.C, 10 Mar (DMK); 2100, LShel., 20 Mar (RLJ); 1250+ (southbound), Wauk., 14 May (EWW); 1200, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 1100, JP, 19 Mar (PRC); 133, Montrose H, 5 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 12 Jun (25 southbound), Evanston (JIE); 14 May (35 migrants), JP (PRC).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 6 Mar, LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 Mar (13), McDonough Co (LLH); 7 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 11 Mar (2), s. Quincy Btms (Adams Co) (AGD); 20 Mar (2), Boone Co (AEB). **MC:** 107, PrRdg, 6 Apr (KAM); 65, PrRdg (Marion Co), 9 Apr (MAH); 56, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 52, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 40, Montgomery Co, 7 May (RLJ); 18, Macon Co, 7 May (TAM); 10, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 7 May (GAW). **LD:** 13 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 6 Feb (10), Santa Fe Btms (DMK)—earliest arrival since 1996, and about the fourth earliest overall; 12 Mar, Carl.C (DMK); 2 Apr, Rockfd (DTW); 14 Apr, Hennepin L (DFS). **MC:** 11, Frankfort (Will Co), 7 May (CMA, GJ); 10, Santa Fe Btms, as above; 4, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 2, Stephenson Co, 6 Mar (UWG). **LD:** 15 May, Momence Sod Farms (Kankakee Co) (GAW); 7 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 25 Mar, Santa Fe Btms (DMK). **Other:** 13 Mar (2), Carl.C (DMK).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 16 Apr (male), Eggers Wds, LCal (CAM); 4 May (2 singing males), L Decatur dredge ponds (MFD). **MC:** 20 (males), Spring L (Carroll Co), 28 May (DTW); 8, Eggers Wds, LCal, 14 May (GAW); 6, Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 17 May (DMK); 5, Hennepin L, 12 May (DFS); 4 (3 males, 1 female), L Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co), 7 May (TAM, MFD); 4, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 21 May (KAM). **LD:** 19 May (male), L Decatur dredge ponds (TAM); 1 May (male), nw. of Spfld (RAD:ph *fide* HDB). **Others:** 20 Apr, Pratts Wayne Wds FP (Du Page Co) (EES); 21 Apr (3 males), Fulton (Whiteside Co) (SDB); 21 Apr (male), Burnham Pr, LCal (WJM); 30 Apr (2), Hennepin L (Putnam Co) (UWG); 7 May (singing male), LCal (WJM). **Remarks:** Attempted to nest in Macon Co, but pressure from large groups of roosting blackbirds likely forced the pair and the other territorial males to abandon the site (TAM).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 5 Feb, Clinton Co (DMK); 7 Mar, Grant P (DEW); 15 Mar (7), Lodge P (Piatt Co) (RLJ); 20 Mar, Greenbush (Warren Co) (LLH). **MC:** 300, Carl.C, 19 Mar (DMK); 300, Santa Fe Btms, 25 Mar (DMK); 4, Miller Meadow (Cook Co), 10 Apr (JSA); 3, Montrose H, 10 Apr (GAW). **LD:** 15 May, Eggers Wds, LCal (AFS); 30 Apr, Mermet L (KAM, CLW, DMK).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 27 Feb (25), Perry Co (JWE); 29 Feb (20), Clinton Co (DMK); 7 Mar, Sangamon Co (HDB); 16 Mar, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (JSA). **MC:** 600, Carl.C, 3 Apr (DMK); 14, Kaskaskia I (Randolph Co), 10 Apr (JWE); 14, New Milford (Winnebago Co), 23 Apr (DTW). **LD:** 16 Apr & 21 May (4), IBSP (AFS, KAM); 17 Apr (6), Carl.C (DMK). **Others:** 13 Mar (150), Carl.C (DMK); 4 Apr (12), PrRdg (CLH); 14 Apr (male), Putnam Co (DFS).

Common Grackle

EA: 21 Feb (36), Site M (Cass Co) (RLJ); 3 Mar (3), LeVasseur P (JBH); 6 Mar (25), Boone Co (AEB); 6 Mar (8), JP (PRC). **MC:** 6000, Carl.C, 25 Mar (DMK); 3850, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 2000, Kankakee Co, 20 Mar (JBH); 700, JP, 19 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 12 Jun (15 in southbound groups), Evanston (JIE); 18 May (11 migrants), JP (PRC).

GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE

LD: 7-28 Apr (ad. male), Fancy Creek Twp (Sangamon Co) (*KEB:ph, HDB:ph, TAM:ph, m.ob.). **Other:** [29 May, Menard Co—just 10 miles north of the long-staying bird in Sangamon Co and likely the same individual.]

Brown-headed Cowbird

EA: 1 Mar, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 18 Mar (9), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC:** 300, Christian Co, 20 Mar (RLJ); 250, Putnam Co, 15 Mar (DFS); 225, Hennepin L, 7 May (DFS); 200, Carl.C, 20 Mar & 10 Apr (DMK); 100, JP, 19 Mar (PRC). **LD:** 29 May, Montrose H (GAW).



Smith's Longspur near Towanda, McLean County. 9 April 2005. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Orchard Oriole

EA: **16 Apr** (2), Union Co (KAM); 29 Apr (male), LeVasseur P (JBH); 4 May, Montrose H (GAW); 4 May, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF). **MC**: 20, Union Co, 7 May (SDB); 14, HL, 10 May (KAM); 10, LeVasseur P, 24 May (JBH); 5, Montrose H, 5 May (GAW); 2, Rock Cut, 14 May (DTW).

Baltimore Oriole

EA: 16 Apr, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM); 25 Apr (male), Spfld (RLJ); 25 Apr, Mode (Shelby Co) (KF); 4 May (3 males), JP (PRC); 5 May, Rock Cut (DTW). **MC**: 67, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 43, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 40, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK); 24, JP, 18 May (PRC, BWH); 16, Union Co, 7 May (SDB). **LD**: **22 Jun** (male), Grant P (DFS)—latest reported departure by 10 days (but published dates limited and confined to L Michigan); 12 Jun (flying south with grackles), Evanston (JIE); 28 May (male), Rainbow Beach, Chi (DFS).

Purple Finch

EA: **7 Mar** (2), Carl.C (KAM); 5 Apr (imm. male), JP (PRC); 6 Apr (pair), Spfld (RLJ); 14 Apr (female), McDonough Co (LLI). **MC**: 9, JP, 17 Apr (PRC); 5, Union Co, 30 Mar (KAM); 3, Rockfd, 2 May (DTW). **LD**: 17 May (female), Grant P (DFS); 2 May, Rockfd, as above; 24 Apr (2), Kankakee Co (JBH).

House Finch

EA: 7 Mar, Northerly 1 (DFS); 7 Mar (4 migrants), JP (PRC). **MC**: 43, Westchester (Cook Co), 10 Mar (DFS); 36, Olive P, Chi, 11 Mar (KRW); 33, Shelby Co, 7 May (KF); 31, LeVasseur P, 12 Mar (JBH); 26, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 10, Carl.C, 25 May (DMK); 8, JP, 19 Mar (PRC); 6, Massac Co, 4 May (KAM).

Common Redpoll

LD: 13 Mar (4), Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co) (GAW)—the only report.

Pine Siskin

EA: 19 Mar, Decatur (LDM); 20 Mar (10), Carl.C (DMK). **MC**: 16, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 12, M.Arb., 14 Apr (EES); 10, Carl.C, as above; 10 (at feeder), Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 7 May (RG&SNB); 8, Rockfd, 21 Apr (DTW); 6, Jackson Co, 30 Apr (KAM, CIW, DMK). **LD**: 22 May (2), Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 22 May (2), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD); 19 May (3), Rockfd (DTW); 10 May (2), Kankakee Co (JBH); 7 May (3), Union Co (SDB); 7 May, Sand Ridge SF, as above. **Other**: 3 Apr (6 engaging in courtship displays), Mundelein (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD).

American Goldfinch

MC: 140, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 98, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 83, JP, 8 May (PRC, SLC); 71, LCal, 7 May (WJM); 53, Jackson Co, 16 Apr (KAM); 40, Montrose II, 13 May (GAW); 30, Carl.C, 14 May (DMK, KAM).

House Sparrow

MC: 350, Bureau Co, 7 May (DFS); 250, Grundy Co, 5 Mar (DFS); 150, Carl.C, 10 Apr (DMK); 100, Kankakee Co, 7 May (JBH); 99, LCal, 7 May (WJM); 82, JP, 7 May (PRC et al.); 67, Montrose H, 15 Mar (GAW). **CORRIGENDUM** to the spring 2003 summary: the missing count figure for the 20 Apr datum from Westchester is 160.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 23, sw. Mercer Co, 7 May (EWW); 22, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 11 Apr (AGD); 5, HL, 9 May (KAM). **Other**: 7 May, near Witt (Montgomery Co) (RLJ).

EXOTICS

Ringed Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia "risoria"*)

30 May, Keyesport (Clinton Co) (DMK).

Great Tit (*Parus major*)

14 May (singing), Wauk. (EWW).

European Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

25 Mar (3), Montrose H (GAW); 6 Apr (at feeder), Downers Grove (Du Page Co) (REF); 10 Apr-30 May, Montrose H (GAW).

European Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*)

14 Apr (male), Montrose II (GAW); 2 May (female, evidently carrying nesting material), JP (PRC).

Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia guttata*)

26 May (2), Montrose H (GAW).

ADDENDUM TO THE SPRING 2004 SUMMARY: See **American Bittern**.

CORRIGENDUM TO THE SPRING 2003 SUMMARY: See **House Sparrow**.

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